



Supreme Court moves right, but how far, how fast?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The moment conservatives have dreamed about for decades has arrived with Brett Kavanaugh joining the Supreme Court. But with it comes the shadow of a bitter confirmation fight that is likely to hang over the court as it takes on divisive issues, especially those dealing with politics and women's rights. With Kavanaugh taking the place of the more moderate Anthony Kennedy, conservatives should have a working majority of five justices to restrict abortion rights, limit the use of race in college admissions and rein in federal regulators. The newly constituted court also might broaden gun rights, further relax campaign finance laws and halt the expansion of the rights of LGBT people, who three years ago won the right to marry nationwide with Kennedy in the majority.

Yet Kavanaugh may have a hard time putting behind him the tumultuous confirmation process, which ended with the Senate vot-



The U.S. Supreme Court is seen at sunset in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018.

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ing 50-48 to confirm him Saturday, the narrowest margin of victory for a Supreme Court nominee in

137 years.

"In the public mind, there will always be this dark cloud hanging over the

court, even if Kavanaugh is eventually embraced by all his colleagues on the court," said Elizabeth

Wydra, president of the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center.

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That cloud stems from allegations of sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior by Kavanaugh while he was in high school and college, along with his politically charged testimony that labeled the look into his past a political hit job by Democrats.

Kavanaugh has forcefully denied any inappropriate behavior with women. He also acknowledged in a Wall Street Journal column that some of his testimony went too far, but did not apologize for anything he said.

The bitter partisan fight over the confirmation could continue in another form if Democrats take control of the House after the November elections. Key House Democrats have said they would investigate Kavanaugh.



Chief Justice John Roberts, right, administers the Constitutional Oath to Judge Brett Kavanaugh in the Justices' Conference Room of the Supreme Court Building. Ashley Kavanaugh holds the Bible. In the foreground are their daughters, Margaret, left, and Liza.

Associated Press

In the meantime, the focus will be on the court's new majority's willingness to take on controversial issues. A potential early test is two cases involving state efforts to strip public money from Planned Parenthood. The

justices are considering appeals from Kansas and Louisiana. Lower courts have blocked the states from going forward. The court could announce Tuesday that it has rejected the appeals, if the justices voted

that way in their private conference Friday. But they also could defer action to allow Kavanaugh to weigh in.

It is far from certain that the court will move precipitously on this or any high-profile issue. "It's not going to be lost on anyone on the court that everybody is going to be watching the new court to see which issues they engage in," said Paul Clement, solicitor general under President George W. Bush. The justices could look for cases that are more likely to produce consensus, including those about privacy protections in the digital age, Clement said.

Some contentious issues, though, will be harder to avoid because federal law compels the court's involvement. In coming months, the issue of drawing political districts for partisan advantage will return to the court in a case from North Carolina. Last term, the justices failed to set limits on the practice known as partisan gerrymandering in cases from Maryland and Wisconsin. Kennedy was seen as the conservative justice most likely to side with liberals on the issue.

His retirement dimmed the hopes of proponents of such limits.

New state restrictions on abortion could make their way to the Supreme Court soon, along with challenges to the Affordable Care Act and protection from deportation for young immigrants.

The leader of an anti-abortion group that supported Kavanaugh foreshadowed the fight to come in a statement issued just after the confirmation vote.

"Judge Kavanaugh's distinguished judicial career has been built upon his constitutionalist approach to law, and we trust that this will serve all Americans well when Roe v. Wade inevitably comes before the Supreme Court for review," said Catherine Glenn Foster, president of Americans United for Life, referring to the court's landmark 1973 abortion rights ruling.

Kavanaugh's arrival on the court after the most tumultuous confirmation battle since Clarence Thomas

faced allegations of sexual harassment by Anita Hill in 1991 hardens the alignment of party and ideology: five conservatives appointed by Republican presidents and four liberals by Democrats. That was true with Kennedy on the bench, but he voted with the liberals in cases that preserved abortion rights and affirmative action, expanded LGBT rights and limited capital punishment.

Two of those liberal justices, speaking Friday at Princeton University, talked about the court's legitimacy, without mentioning their new colleague.

"Every single one of us needs to realize how precious the court's legitimacy is. You know we don't have an army. We don't have any money. The only way we can get people to do what we think they should do is because people respect us," Justice Elena Kagan said.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the nine justices recognize the small world they inhabit, suggesting that the tense atmosphere surrounding Kavanaugh's nomination is unlikely to be replicated on the court.

"We have to rise above partisanship in our personal relationships. We have to treat each with respect and dignity and a sense of amicability that the rest of the world doesn't always share," Sotomayor said.

Chief Justice John Roberts has been especially sensitive to portrayals of the court as a political institution. That perception has waxed and waned over the years, but it was particularly strong following the Bush v. Gore decision that sealed Bush's 2000 election. On a practical level, the four liberal justices need a vote from the right side of the court in which they otherwise divide on the familiar ideological fault lines. Kennedy and Sandra Day O'Connor were justices "who found the center," Kagan said, "and that's enabled the court to look as though it was not owned by one side of the other. It's not so clear that you know going forward that that sort of middle position — it's not so clear whether we'll have it." □

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Michael expected to gain hurricane strength nearing Florida

By MIKE SCHNEIDER

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Sunday warned that a tropical storm headed for the Florida Panhandle could become a Category 2 hurricane with winds up to 100 miles per hour by the time it makes landfall at midweek. Scott issued an order for a state of emergency for 26 counties in the Florida Panhandle and the Big Bend area. The declaration will free up resources for storm preparation.

"This storm will be life-threatening and extremely dangerous," Scott said after receiving a briefing at the State Emergency Operations Center.

The governor warned that storm surge could affect areas of Florida not in the storm's direct path.

"If this storm hit Panama City, Tampa could still have storm surge," said Scott, referring to two Florida cities about 375 miles (600 kilometers) apart by highway. "Every family must be prepared."

Scott also activated 500 members of the Florida National Guard ahead of the storm.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center on Sunday upgraded Tropical Depression Michael to a named tropical storm, saying Michael earlier had winds of up to 50 mph (85 kph). But within a few hours it gained more strength and by Sunday evening, it had top sustained winds of 60 mph (95 kph).

The storm is expected to further strengthen into a hurricane by Monday night or Tuesday as its center moves over the Yucatan Channel, crosses the Gulf of Mexico and nears the Florida Panhandle coast sometime Wednesday.

Forecasters advised residents along the northeastern and central U.S. Gulf Coast to monitor the storm's progress.

The north Florida city of Tallahassee on Sunday opened two locations where residents could get sandbags in case of flooding.

"While the impacts are still uncertain, our area could experience increased wind activity and heavy rainfall, which could cause localized flooding and downed trees," Tallahassee officials said in a statement.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, who is the Democratic nominee for governor, had planned to campaign in South Florida Monday and Tuesday, but he said he would return to Tallahassee to help with storm preparations.

The city of Pensacola tweeted to residents, "Be sure you have your emergency plan in place."

The storm was located by 7 p.m. ET Sunday about 105 miles (170 kilometers) east-southeast of Cozumel, Mexico and moving to the north at about 5 mph (7 kph). Tropical storm winds extended out 170 miles (275 kilometers), primarily to the northeast and south-east of the storm's center.

A tropical storm warning was in effect for the Cuban provinces of Pinar del Rio and the Isle of Youth as well as the coast of Mexico from Tulum to Cabo Catoche. A warning indicates tropical storm conditions are expected, in this case, within 24 hours. The hurricane center warned that the storm could produce a foot (30 centimeters) of rain in western Cuba, potentially triggering flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas. □



This satellite image provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a view of Tropical Storm Michael, lower right, churning as it heads toward the Florida Panhandle, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at 6:52 p.m. Eastern Time. (NOAA via Associated Press)



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In this July 7, 2016, file photo, then-National Security Adviser Susan Rice follows then-President Barack Obama across the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, to board Marine One. Associated Press

Susan Rice considering 2020 challenge to Collins in Maine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Susan Rice, who was President Barack Obama's national security adviser, said Sunday she'll decide after next month's midterm elections whether to run for the Senate from Maine in 2020 and try to unseat Republican Sen. Susan Collins. Collins cast a deciding vote

to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, deeply disappointing those opposed to his nomination. Speaking in New York during The New Yorker Festival, Rice said Collins "put party and politics over her own stated principles" of supporting equal rights and legalized abortion. "I think in a way that I really regret saying, she has betrayed women across this country," Rice said.

Kavanaugh's confirmation was stalled by accusations of sexual misconduct when he was in high school and college, but Collins and others said they were won over by his forceful denials and a supplemental FBI report they say produced no evidence corroborating the claims.

"What moved me ... was a sense of outrage and frustration that somebody who fashions herself a moderate centrist, and somebody who cares for equal rights and LGBT rights and Roe v Wade and all of this stuff, could in a very political fashion not just decide to vote for Kavanaugh but do it in a fashion that was quite dismissive of the concerns of many Americans and many Mainers," Rice said. "So it was on that basis that I decided I would think about it."

Kavanaugh's ascendance to the Supreme Court now gives conservatives a working majority that could restrict abortion rights and halt the expansion of the rights of LGBT people. Rice, a Democrat, had hinted her interest in a Senate run in a one-word tweet on Friday, responding "me" to an open question about who wanted to run against

Collins.

She then seemed to walk it back, saying she was "not making any announcements."

Collins questioned Rice's connection to Maine, saying Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" that although Rice's family has a home in Maine, "she doesn't live in the state of Maine. Everybody knows that."

Rice, however, said her "ties to Maine are long and deep." During Sunday's appearance, she described her grandparents' arrival in the state from Jamaica in 1912, her yearly summer visits that began in childhood and the home she now owns. "The last 20 so years I've been a home owner in the state of Maine, so it's not completely crazy," she said.

Collins returned to Maine late Saturday after Kavanaugh was sworn into office. She said Sunday that despite the presence of protesters outside her home in Bangor, the response from Mainers has been "overwhelmingly positive."

People angry over her vote have vowed to make her pay a political price. A crowdsourcing group says it has secured pledges of more than \$3 million for her opponent in 2020.

Rice, who also served as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations under Obama, said she appreciated the enthusiasm about her potential run, but said people who are angry about Kavanaugh should focus on the midterm elections.

"My bottom line is I'm going to give it due consideration, after the midterms," she said. □

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Military families angry about damage, thefts during moves

By TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

Moving is nothing new for Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Bill Weir's family, but their latest transfer was the bumpiest yet.

The Italian moving company the military hired to ship their belongings to New Mexico ruined artwork by wife Vennita, a professional artist. The crew boxed paintings with leaky liquid containers, broke a sunflower sculpture and damaged frescos made at a Florence art school. Especially hurtful, Vennita Weir said: The movers destroyed a Rapunzel figurine their 5-year-old daughter received during a Disneyland Paris trip to celebrate her father's return from Afghanistan.

"How do I tell her that special little figurine we got to commemorate that special day ... is gone?" said Weir, who has made three moves in six years with her husband, who has made nine in 24 years of service. "Her Barbie house is broken beyond repair because they just shoved it in a box. There are all these little things."

Weir is one of several military spouses who told The Associated Press stories of frustration, theft, carelessness and dishonest workers during 2018 transfers, with Bill Weir and others calling this year's move the worst they have experienced.

About 400,000 American military members and civilian employees will move this year with their families. More than 100,000 military members and supporters have signed an online petition demanding improvement to a system that costs taxpayers \$2.2 billion annually.

Organizer Megan Harless, an Army veteran whose husband Aaron is a major, said she posted the petition after her family's recent move from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to Fort Eustis, Virginia. Movers improperly wrapped china, threw boxes carelessly onto the truck,

and lost or stole bags containing the couple's shooting accessories, she said.

"This really is a bad year," said Harless, whose family has moved nine times in 13 years. Once-isolated problems are now "across all branches, all locations." The military has no exact statistics on problem moves but said surveys show a slight drop in satisfaction. Maj. Carla Gleason, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said the issues arise from a nationwide shortage of truck drivers and a low unemployment rate that has "made it very difficult for providers to find quality labor."

Gleason said the 850 approved contractors are assigned specific jobs using a formula that is 30 percent price and 70 percent previous customer satisfaction. Poorly graded companies are suspended or dropped. "We are very sympathetic to the sacrifices that our members make and do our best to make sure that high quality providers are moving their possessions. Unfortunately, not every move is perfect," she said.

When the AP contacted a military families Facebook group about transfer experiences this year, complaints came from across the country.

Traci Mayes handled her family's move from Jacksonville, Florida, to Naval Station Great Lakes near Chicago while her husband, Petty Officer 1st Class William Mayes, was deployed. With a 6-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter, she was happy when Shur-Way Moving expedited their delivery from October to Aug. 15. But two crates are missing — including a 70-inch television; supplies for her T-shirt business; and her son's clothes, toys, karate awards and a bank made by his great-grandfather. "He kept asking me, 'Are the movers mad at me? Did I do something wrong?'" Mayes said. "Trying to explain that to a 6-year-old is very tough." □



The Weir family, Vennita, left, Athena, center, and Bill take a photograph, at their home on Wednesday, September 27, 2018, in Albuquerque, N.M.

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No Columbus Day in Columbus: City to honor veterans instead

By JULIE CARR SMYTH

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

The largest city named for Christopher Columbus has called off its observance of the divisive holiday that honors the explorer, making a savvy move to tie the switch to a politically safe demographic: veterans.

Ohio's capital city, population 860,000, will be open for business Monday after observing Columbus Day probably "for as long as it had been in existence," said Robin Davis, a spokeswoman for Democratic Mayor Andrew Ginther. City offices will close instead on Veterans Day, which falls on Nov. 12 this year.

Native Americans and allied groups have long used Columbus Day to elevate issues of concern to them. That includes a peaceful protest of prayers, speeches and traditional singing in 2016 at Columbus City Hall — underneath the statue of the explorer that sits out front — to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline and to urge Ohio to support more renewable energy.

The decision to stop ob-



In this March 15, 2004, file photo, a woman runs the Franklinton floodwall next to the Scioto River in Columbus, Ohio. The largest city named for Christopher Columbus has called off its observance of the holiday named for the explorer. Offices in Columbus, Ohio, will remain open Monday, Oct. 8, 2018, and close on Veterans Day instead.

serving the holiday was not triggered by the national movement to abolish Co-

lumbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day as a way of recognizing victims

of colonialism, Davis said. Columbus Day marks the Italian explorer's arrival in the Americas on Oct. 12, 1492.

"We have a number of veterans who work for the city, and there are so many here in Columbus," Davis said. "We thought it was important to honor them with that day off." And, she said, the city doesn't have the budget to give its 8,500 employees both days off, she said.

Columbus made its announcement Thursday in a two-paragraph news release focused on the impact on trash pickup and parking enforcement schedules. In that way, it avoided much of the consternation that has taken place elsewhere around the holiday.

An attempt in Akron to rename the holiday grew ugly last year, dividing the all-Democratic city council along racial lines. Five black members voted to rename the holiday and eight white members voted not to, keeping the holiday in place.

A similar effort twice failed in Cincinnati before a vote Wednesday finally recognized Columbus Day as the renamed Indigenous Peoples Day. It became the second Ohio city to do so, after the liberal college town of Oberlin in 2017. Cleveland, which has a large Italian-American population, continues to host a major Columbus Day parade.

Organizers of the 39-year-old Columbus Italian Festival, traditionally held on Columbus Day weekend, were not given advance notice of the city's decision, said board member Joseph Contino.

"It's very in vogue politically right now to do that. It's not PC for me to say anything against indigenous peoples," he said. "You can kick Christians, you can kick Catholics. That's the message that it sends to us and that's what it feels like; we're Europeans and we lop Indians' heads off. Which is just not true."

Contino said he viewed the decision on the holiday as a missed opportunity.

"If you're mayor of a city and its name is Columbus, why wouldn't you capitalize on that? Use it to unite everybody," he said. "Use this day to celebrate the entire culture, celebrate Italians and indigenous both."

Tyrone Smith, director of the Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio, said the city's decision is another step in embracing its growing diversity.

"The past is the past. It may not be pretty at times, but we cannot hold what happened back then against today's society, regardless their bloodline," he said. "The fact that the city of Columbus is taking action is a victory for everyone." □



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20 die when limo on way to birthday party blows stop sign

By MICHAEL HILL and BOB SALSBERG

Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. (AP) — A limousine on its way to a birthday party blew a stop sign at the end of a highway, killing all 18 people in the limo and two pedestrians in the deadliest U.S. transportation accident in almost a decade, officials and a relative of one of the victims said Sunday. The collision turned a relaxed Saturday afternoon into chaos at an upstate New York spot popular with tourists taking in the fall foliage. An aunt of one of the victims in the vehicle said the group had been traveling to a birthday celebration.

The 2001 Ford Excursion limousine was traveling southwest on Route 30 in Schoharie, about 170 miles (270 kilometers) north of New York City around 2 p.m. when it failed to stop at a T-junction with state Route 30A, State Police First Deputy Superintendent Christopher Fiore said at a news conference in Latham, New York.

It went across the road and hit an unoccupied SUV parked at the Apple Barrel Country Store, killing the driver and 17 passengers, as well as two people outside the vehicle.

The crash "sounded like an explosion," said Linda Riley, of nearby Schenectady, who was on a shopping trip with her sisters and had been in their parked car at the time at the store.

When she got out of her vehicle, she saw a body on the ground, she said. People started screaming.

The store manager, Jessica Kirby, told The New York Times that the limo was coming down a hill at "probably over 60 mph."

Authorities said autopsies were being performed and didn't release names of victims or speculate on what caused the limo to run the stop sign. The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

Speaking through tears, Valerie Abeling, said her 34-year-old niece Erin Vertucci was among the victims, along with her newlywed husband, 30-year-old Shane McGowan. They were on their way to a friend's birthday party, she said; her own daughter had been invited along but couldn't go.

"She was a beautiful, sweet soul; he was too," Abeling said.

The couple was married at a "beautiful wedding" in June at a venue in upstate New York, Abeling said. "They had everything going for them."

Vertucci, who grew up in Amsterdam, New York, was an administrative assistant at St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam, Abeling said.

At the news conference, Fiore didn't comment on speed, or whether the occupants of the vehicle had been wearing seat belts.

"This is one of the biggest losses of life that we've seen in a long, long time," NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said at the news conference.

It's the deadliest transportation accident since February 2009, when Colgan Air Flight 3407 crashed in



Debris scatters an area Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at the site of yesterday's fatal crash Schoharie, N.Y. Associated Press

Buffalo, New York, killing 50 people, Sumwalt said.

And it appears to be the deadliest land-vehicle accident since a bus ferrying nursing home patients away from Hurricane Rita caught fire in Texas 2005, killing 23.

There was no information Sunday on the limousine, its origin or its integrity. But safety issues on such vehicles have arisen before, most notably after a wreck on Long Island in July 2015 in which four women on a winery tour were killed.

They were in a Lincoln Town Car that had been cut apart and rebuilt in a stretch configuration to

accommodate more passengers. The limousine was trying to make a U-turn and was struck by a pickup.

A grand jury found that vehicles converted into stretch limousines often don't have safety measures including side-impact air bags, reinforced rollover protection bars and accessible emergency exits. That grand jury called on New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to assemble a task force on limousine safety.

Limousines built in factories are already required to meet stringent safety regulations, but when cars are converted into limos, safety features are sometimes re-

moved, leading to gaps in safety protocols, the grand jury wrote.

On Sunday, Cuomo released a statement saying, "My heart breaks for the 20 people who lost their lives in this horrific accident on Saturday in Schoharie. I commend the first responders who arrived on the scene and worked through the night to help. State police are working with federal and local authorities to investigate the crash, and I have directed state agencies to provide every resource necessary to aid in this investigation and determine what led to this tragedy." □

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Missing Saudi journalist once a voice of reform in kingdom

By SARAH EL DEEB
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Jamal Khashoggi, the Saudi journalist who disappeared last week after a visit to his country's consulate in Turkey, was once a Saudi insider. A close aide to the kingdom's former spy chief, he had been a leading voice in the country's prominent dailies, including the main English newspapers. Now the 59-year-old journalist and contributor to The Washington Post is feared dead, and Turkish authorities believe he was slain inside the Saudi Consulate in

Istanbul, something Saudi officials vehemently deny. The U.S.-educated Khashoggi was no stranger to controversy. A graduate of Indiana State University, Khashoggi began his career in the 1980s, covering the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the decade-long war that followed for the English-language daily Saudi Gazette. He traveled extensively in the Middle East, covering Algeria's 1990s war against Islamic militants, and the Islamists rise in Sudan. He interviewed Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan be-



In this Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 file photo, Tawakkol Karman, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate for 2011 holds a picture of missing Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi as she speaks to journalists near the Saudi Arabia consulate, in Istanbul, Turkey.

Associated Press

fore al-Qaida was formed, then met him in Sudan in 1995. Following bin Laden's rise likely helped cement Khashoggi's ties with powerful former Saudi spy chief, Turki Al-Faisal. Khashoggi rubbed shoulders with the Saudi royal family and supported efforts to nudge the kingdom's entrenched ultra-conservative clerics to accept reforms. He served as an editor for nine years on the Islamist-leaning al-Madina newspaper and was frequently quoted in the Western media as an expert on Islamic radicals and a reformist voice. However, he was fired from his post as an editor at Al-Watan, a liberal paper founded after the 9/11 terror attacks, just two months after he took the job in 2003. The country's ultra-conservative clerics had pushed

back against his criticism of the powerful religious police and Ibn Taymiyah, a medieval cleric viewed as the spiritual forefather of Wahhabism, the conservative interpretation of Islam that is the founding tenant of the kingdom. Khoshaggi then served as media adviser to Al-Faisal, the former spy chief, who was at the time the ambassador to the United States. Khashoggi returned to Al-Watan in 2007, where he continued his criticism of the clerics as the late King Abdullah implemented cautious reforms to try to shake their hold. Three years later, he was forced to resign again after a series of articles criticizing Salafism, the ultra-conservative Sunni Islam movement from which Wahhabism stems. In 2010, Saudi billionaire Al-waleed bin Talal tapped

him to lead his new TV station, touted as a rival to Qatari-funded Al-Jazeera, a staunch critic of the kingdom. But the new Al-Arab station, based in Bahrain, was shut down hours after it launched, for hosting a Bahraini opposition figure. Khoshaggi's final break with the Saudi authorities followed the Arab Spring protests that swept through the region in 2011, shaking the power base of traditional leaders and giving rise to Islamists, only to be followed by unprecedented crackdowns on those calling for change. Siding with the opposition in Egypt and Syria, Khashoggi became a vocal critic of his own government's stance there and a defender of moderate Islamists, which Riyadh considered an existential threat. □

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Bosnians vote in divisive election testing EU bid

By JOVANA GEC
Associated Press

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnians voted Sunday in a general election that could install a pro-Russian nationalist to a top post and cement the ethnic divisions of a country that faced a brutal war some 25 years ago.

The ballot was seen as a test of whether Bosnia will move toward integration in the European Union and NATO or remain entrenched in rivalries stemming from the 1992-95 war. About 3.3 million people cast ballots to elect an array of institutions in Bosnia's complex governing system, which was created by a peace accord that ended the war that killed 100,000 people and left millions homeless.

Election officials described the vote on Sunday as "extremely fair" despite several incidents.

The country consists of two regional mini-states — one Serb-run and a Muslim-Croat entity — with joint institutions in a central government. Voters were electing the three-person Bosnian presidency, the Serb president and the two entities' parliaments and cantonal authorities.

The campaign was marred by divisive rhetoric and allegations of irregularities that fueled tensions.

In a show of widespread popular discontent with



Bosnian election workers prepare to count ballots at a polling station in Sarajevo, Bosnia, on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

Bosnia's politicians, thousands rallied at anti-corruption protests Friday in Sarajevo and in the main Serb city of Banja Luka.

Bosnia's Serbs and Croats want to move closer to their ethnic kin in neighboring Serbia and Croatia, while the Muslims want to keep Bosnia together. The issue was at the core of the 1990s' war. The election's main focus was the Bosnian presidency because of the candidacy of hard-line Serb leader Milorad Dodik, who advocates eventual Serb separation from Bosnia. Dodik also is a key Balkan ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and his victory would mean stron-

ger influence of Russia. The West has hoped prospects of EU and NATO membership would encourage nations in the Balkans to solve their disputes stemming from the dissolution of the former Yugoslavia. Russia opposes any more Balkan countries joining NATO.

Dodik shifted to the race for the Bosnian presidency because of term limits for his current job leading the Bosnian Serb regional mini-state. His ruling coalition hopes to maintain a firm grip on power in the Serb region. He urged the voters Sunday to elect a "compact and unified" government that will preserve the unity of Republika Srpska, the Serb entity and work to further benefit it. □



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Wife says Interpol officer sent knife image as danger signal

By JOHN LEICESTER

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Associated Press

LYON, France (AP) —

The wife of a leader of international police agency Interpol made an impassioned plea to the world Sunday for help bringing her missing husband to safety, saying he sent her an image of a knife before he disappeared in China and she thinks it was his way of saying that he was in danger.

Grace Meng detailed the last messages she exchanged with her husband, Interpol executive committee president Meng Hongwei, to reporters as part of her unusual appeal. Meng is a senior public security official in China, and regularly traveled between Beijing and Lyon, France, where Interpol is based.

His wife's plea underscored how China's system of shady and often-arbitrary detentions can ensnare even a Chinese official with international standing, leaving loved ones uninformed and in a panic.

In news that could confirm her fears: China announced less than an hour after she spoke Sunday that Meng was under investigation on suspicion of unspecified legal violations, making the vice minister for public security the latest high-profile official to fall victim to a sweeping crackdown by the ruling Communist Party.

Interpol then announced that Meng had resigned as president, effective immediately. It did not say why, or provide details about Meng's whereabouts or condition.

Meng's unexplained disappearance in China, which had prompted the French government and Interpol to make their concerns



Grace Meng, the wife of missing Interpol President Meng Hongwei, who does not want her face shown, consults her mobile phone in the lobby of a hotel in Lyon, central France, where the police agency is based, on Sunday Oct. 7, 2018.

known publicly, threatened to tarnish Beijing's image as a rising Asian power. The one-sentence announcement about his being the focus of an investigation, issued when it was nearly midnight in China, said only that Meng was in the custody of party investigators. The disciplinary organ of China's ruling Communist Party said in a brief statement on its website that Meng was "suspected of violating the law and is currently under the monitoring and investigation" of China's new anti-corruption body, the National Supervision Commission.

The statement was the first official word on the fate of 64-year-old Meng since French judicial officials said he was missing Friday. His wife first learned about the party statement from The Associated Press; she said she was struggling to be-

lieve what it said.

"This is political ruin and fall!" she wrote in a text message to the AP. "I can't believe because the rule of law (in) China is his lifelong pursuit."

Earlier Sunday, at an emotional press conference in Lyon, Grace Meng spoke for the first time about his disappearance.

"From now on, I have gone from sorrow and fear to the pursuit of truth, justice and responsibility toward history," she said, her voice trembling with emotion. "For the husband whom I deeply love, for my young children, for the people of my motherland, for all the wives and children, so that their husbands and fathers will no longer disappear."

The appeal by Meng's wife for justice and fairness echoed pleas from the families of scores of people who fell afoul of the Chi-

nese Communist Party under President Xi Jinping's rule. Some of them might even have been pursued by Chinese authorities under Meng's watch.

Such targets, who have been subject to arbitrary detention and made unexplained disappearances, include pro-democracy activists, human rights lawyers, officials accused of graft or political disloyalty and the estimated one million ethnic minority Muslims who have vanished into internment camps in the country's far west.

In a sign of her nervous apprehension, Meng's wife would not allow reporters to show her face, saying she feared for her own safety and the safety of her children. She was accompanied to the hotel where she held her press conference by two French police officers who were assigned

to look after her. She said the call never came and she does not know what happened to him.

Of the knife image, she said: "I think he means he is in danger." She said he was in China when he sent the image.

"This is the last, last message from my husband," she said. "After that I have no call and he disappeared." She said he regularly traveled back and forth between Lyon and China for his job. He had been on a three-country tour, to Norway, Sweden and Serbia, for Interpol before his latest trip back to China, she said. Before he shared the knife image, she sent him a photo of two animal figurines, one of a bear and another of a horse, meant to represent their two children; one of them loves horses, she said, and the other "looks like the bear."

She said they had been in daily contact during his trip before he went missing in China.

Xi, China's most powerful leader since Mao Zedong, has overseen a harsh crackdown on civil society that is aimed at squelching dissent and activism among lawyers and rights advocates.

He has also used a popular and wide-ranging anti-corruption campaign to boost supervision of the party and as a powerful weapon with which to purge his political opponents.

Meng is China's vice minister of public security as well as president of the International Criminal Police Organization, best known as Interpol. The agency said Saturday it has used law enforcement channels to inquire with China about Meng's status, citing concerns for his safety. □

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Haiti earthquake kills 12, injures 188

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Emergency teams worked to provide relief in Haiti on Sunday after a magnitude 5.9 earthquake killed 12 people and left 188 injured.

The country's civil protection agency said that at least seven people died in the coastal city of Port-de-Paix and three people died in the nearby community of Gros-Morne in the province of Artibonite. It said that the injured were being treated at medical centers in the northern part of the country.

Interior Minister Fednel Monchery told radio station MAGK9 that 12 people had died.

"I feel like my life is not safe here," said nun Maryse Al-saint, director of the San Gabriel National School in Gros-Morne, where several classrooms were severely



Residents stand looking at a collapsed school damaged by a magnitude 5.9 earthquake the night before, in Gros Morne, Haiti, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

damaged.

She said that about 500 students would not be able to return to school on Monday.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at 8:11 p.m. Saturday night (001 GMT) and was centered 12 miles (19 kilometers) north-

west of Port-de-Paix, which is about 136 miles (219 kilometers) from the capital of Port-au-Prince. The quake was 7.3 miles (11.7 kilome-

ters) below the surface.

It was felt lightly in the capital, as well as in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba, where no damage was reported.

In Haiti, officials have struggled to shore up buildings despite the two major fault lines along Hispaniola, which is the island shared with the Dominican Republic. Deep poverty and government instability have also rendered weaker homes and structures particularly vulnerable in earthquakes.

Rescue workers in Haiti said they were not looking for any more victims, but evidence of the quake's destruction was on view.

In the town of Gros-Morne, one bed was covered in rubble, while the exterior walls of some homes were visibly cracked. Others tilted at precarious angles. □

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Brazilian voters hope for fresh start, fear worst to come

By SARAH DILORENZO
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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — With some voters hoping for a fresh start and others fearing the worst is yet to come, Brazilians cast ballots on Sunday in a divisive election that comes on the heels of major political scandals and economic demise.

As Brazilians lined up in polling places, polls showed an increasingly tight race between a far-right congressman who waxes nostalgically about the dictatorship and a leftist stand-in for jailed ex-President Luiz Inacio da Silva, who was barred from running.

The starkly competing visions have alienated as many people as they have attracted, bringing to the surface deep divisions along the lines of class, race, sexual orientation and "traditional values."

A year ago, many believed that "throw-the-bums-out" rage would buoy the chances of an outsider and end the hegemony of the center-left Workers' Party and the center-right Brazilian Social Democracy Party, which have for years battled it out for the presidency.

Like much in this election, it hasn't turned out as predicted. The man who has benefited most from widespread anger in the electorate is a 27-year veteran of Congress — Jair Bolsonaro of the Social Liberal Party — whose outsider status is based largely on hard-right positions that

People wait in line to vote in the general election at a polling station in the Mare Complex slum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

have alienated as many as they have attracted. His campaign has included nostalgia for a military dictatorship, insults to women and gay people and calls to fight crime by loosening controls on already deadly police forces.

"The Workers' Party is the party of corruption," Sergio Cervone, a 54-year-old doctor in Sao Paulo who voted for Bolsonaro. "Despite all his years in Congress, (Bolsonaro) was never involved in any corruption crimes."

Enzo Vito, a 20-year-old student voting in the same place, had a different take: Brazil's biggest problem is inequality, which the Workers' Party has worked to eradicate.

"The Workers' Party is the only party that wants to make use of all that this

country has to offer," said Vito, who voted for the party's standard bearer, former Sao Paulo mayor Fernando Haddad.

Haddad, appointed by da Silva after the former president's candidacy was barred last month, is second in the polls.

After voting in Sao Paulo, Haddad spoke briefly with reporters. However, his voice was drowned out as detractors banged pots in nearby buildings and supporters chanted that he would be president, a vivid display of a deeply polarized electorate.

Haddad said that Brazilians would see Bolsonaro's weaknesses in coming weeks.

"He struggles in debates. He doesn't have a team, or any big projects. I understand a desire (many peo-

ple have) to have a result today. But it will be better for Brazil to compare" what the leading candidates want to do, Haddad said. Meanwhile, Bolsonaro voted in Rio de Janeiro, which he has represented in Congress for 27 years. Bolsonaro predicted he would get more than 50 percent of the vote, enough to avoid a second round runoff on Oct. 28. "The people realize that Brazil can't continue the way of socialism. We don't want to be tomorrow what Venezuela is today," Bolsonaro said.

Though they come from opposite sides of the political spectrum, both Bolsonaro and Haddad ran campaigns based on nostalgia for a better time. Bolsonaro frequently evoked the country's 1964-1985 military dictatorship amid promises

of a return to traditional values and safer, simpler times. In one of his last appeals to voters before Sunday's voting, Bolsonaro tweeted that he would "defend the family and the innocence of children, treat criminals as such and not get involved in corruption schemes."

The Workers' Party, meanwhile, pushed the narrative that a vote for Haddad would be a vote to bring back the boom years that Brazil experienced under the leadership of da Silva, his mentor. On the eve of the election, da Silva tweeted: "Reach back into your memory, remember what my eight years of government were like."

Bolsonaro garnered 36 percent in the latest Datafolha poll, with Haddad 14 points behind. The poll interviewed 19,552 people Friday and Saturday and has a margin of error of 2 percentage points.

Bolsonaro's poll numbers have increased by about 15 percent since he was stabbed Sept. 6. He was unable to campaign as he underwent multiple surgeries, but he was able to skip debates during his three week stay in the hospital and bring messages directly to voters via Facebook and Twitter.

"For a front-runner, the best thing to do is commit as few errors as possible," said Andre Portela from Getulio Vargas Foundation, a leading university and think tank. "Getting stabbed helped Bolsonaro in that. He wasn't exposed to debate, to people questioning him." □



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The Founders & The Belief

The founders of Le Sallay International Academy, Sergey Kuznetsov and Ekaterina Kadiyeva, have been conducting educational camps in Europe for years. After communicating with parents they realized that it's hard to find a good school for the children of this critical age group of 10-14 years where they can get quality education, and at the same time feel happy. Parents would have to send their children to boarding school or resort to homeschooling. Sergey and Ekaterina found the solution that unites the best of both worlds. Unencumbered by a specific location, for the 2019-2020 academic year le Sallay offers study sessions in Chateau Le Sallay, a 16th century castle converted into a four-star hotel. Le Sallay is situated in the middle of a private park of 4 hectares, near the town of Nevers (two hours away from Paris). Having often served as the location of children's and adult educational programs, the Le Sallay hotel is equipped with facilities for classes and recreation. The rooms for children and teachers are spacious and comfortable.

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Happy Pizza Month



ARUBA — Pizza is a wonderful thing, and there's really no such thing as bad pizza, even the worst pizza is still pretty good. Pizza has been around for an incredibly long time, the word itself going back as far as 997 AD in southern Italy.

Pizza Month gives you an entire month to celebrate this amazing food, and more than ample time to try it in all its variations. On

the island you'll find many restaurants that sell pizza, either to dine in or to take out and some will even deliver it to you right on the beach.

History of Pizza Month

The History of Pizza Month is, in part, the history of Pizza. Pizza Month was originally created by Gerry Durnell in October 1984, publisher of Pizza Today, a magazine dedicated to this delicious

pie! The Pizza was likely derived from Focaccia bread, a roman flatbread commonly served with toppings. From that time moving forward there have been developments that slowly led to the wonderful comfort food we all know and love as pizza.

Some say that Roman soldiers created the first pizza when they added cheese and olive oil to Matzah

bread. But one thing is known for certain, pizza as we know it today came into being as a result of the discovery of the tomato in the Americas, and its return to Europe in the 16th century.

So where did the pizza begin? The pizza as a flatbread with a tomato sauce started in Naples, and quickly became popular. Until the 1830's it was al-

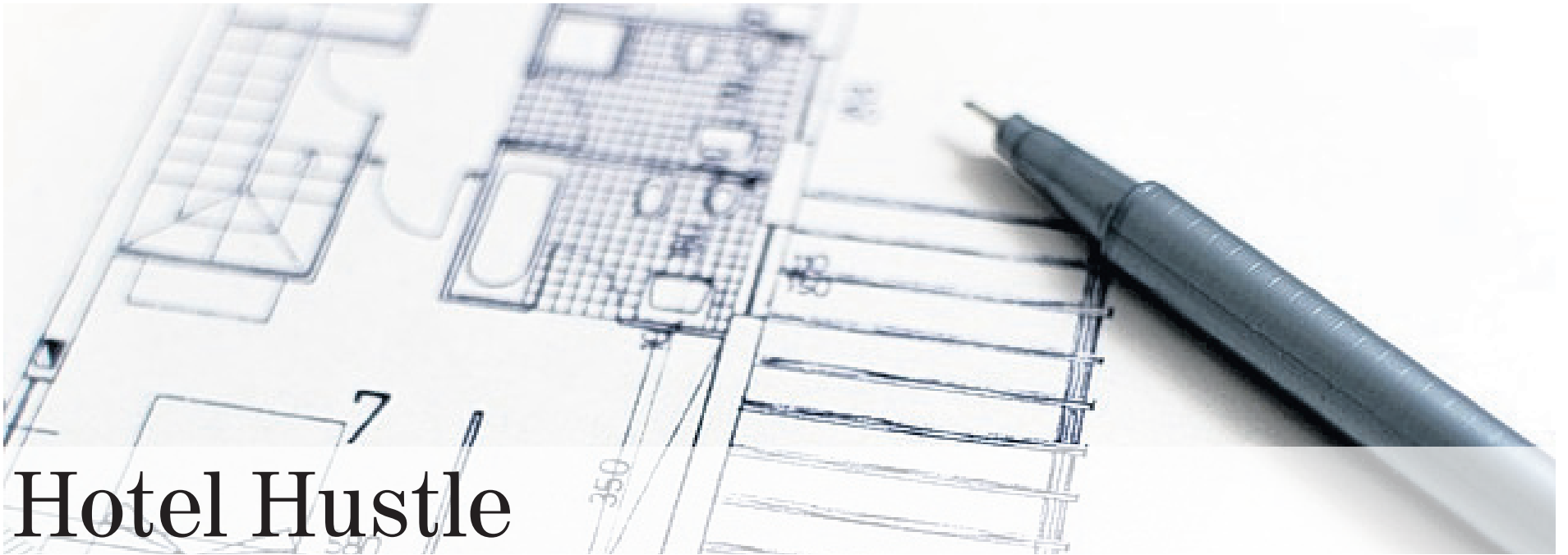
most exclusively sold from open-air stands and out of pizza bakeries, a tradition which is largely followed even today.

One other fun piece of trivia is the source of the 'marinara' sauce that is the traditional tomato sauce. Have you ever wondered why it's called marinara? Because it was created by "La Marinara" the mariner's wife, to serve to her seafaring husband upon return from fishing the Bay of Naples.

How to celebrate Pizza Month

If we have to encourage you to go out and eat all the pizza you can get your hands on this month, we're not entirely certain that Pizza Month is for you. Who needs encouragement to celebrate this month? Well, if you're wanting to truly honor the pizza, then it's time to try some new toppings on your pizza and experience the full range of what the pizza can be! Go out, try something new, and enjoy pizza! ☐





Hotel Hustle

Column by: Shanella Pantophlet

Weathering the storm

Recently one of the hottest topics of discussion on the Island has been the amount of construction going on, especially during a time when there is supposed to be a moratorium on hotel rooms.

The debate really heated up with the announcement of a new hotel coming to the Island, despite this ban on hotel rooms, the justification of the current government being that the contracts for this property were signed before the moratorium that they championed was ratified into law.

Many of the established hotels/resorts on the Island aren't really too thrilled with the news of even more competition in an already highly competitive field. Beyond that there is growing frustration because instead of focusing on the quality of the existing properties and how much guests staying at those properties contribute to the community as a whole, the government seems to be focused more on quantity. The general feeling is that the current trend will not be sustainable in the long term.

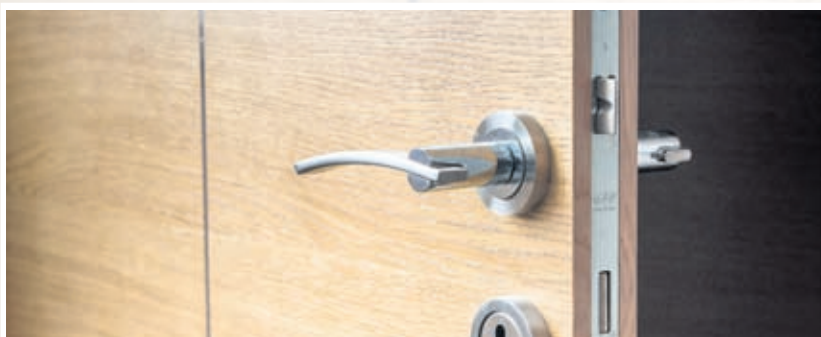


One of the best indicators of this being the erosion and damage to our beaches over the last few years. After hurricane Matthew, the previous government commissioned a study of all the beaches affected in the hotel area, both high and low rise as each section has their own difficulties. The high rise area suffers from a host of issues which include water pollution due to the boats, jetskis and other recreational water sports vehicles and even the sunblock used. The low rise area suffers mostly from beach erosion and the study that was commissioned was supposed to come out with a full scale plan of attack to rescue Aruba's #1 commodity.

Two years later, the study and its findings are complete, but still no plan of action has been put into place and trying to get anyone in the government to even talk about it, is like pulling teeth. Meanwhile more condos, boutique hotels and even upscale hotels are being built or are in the planning stages. The established hotels then feel like the stepchild competing for attention in an industry that was built on their backs.

The debate on what needs to be the main focus right now kicked up again after tropical storm Kirk swept by last weekend with its heavy storm surges, pushing water and sand around, causing more erosion to the beaches on the low rise and churning up the filth at the beaches near the high rises. My mother commented on the facts guests were complaining about the stench of the beach in front of the hotel she works at, while at our resort we had to flag and close off areas that would pose a danger to swimmers due to rocks and heavy waves. Plenty of resorts feel that if the government is going to be taxing them for structures on the beach, then we should be able to see our tax money at work in restoration and clean up efforts on the government end to keep our beaches looking beautiful.

A thought should also be spared for long term sustainability vs short term revenue generation.□



Aruban born and bred Shanella Pantophlet is passionate about tourism. That is the world she studied and works in, so we might as well call her a specialist. Luckily for Aruba Today Shanella also loves to write. And together with the fact that the majority of our readers are tourists, we found ourselves a perfect combination for a column: Hotel Hustle.

SPORTS



Khabib Nurmagomedov, top, applies a rear naked choke hold to Conor McGregor during a lightweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 229 in Las Vegas, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.

Associated Press

Fight poses a question: Is this UFC or WWE?

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Khabib Nurmagomedov apologized, though it was clear he wasn't sorry about much.

Not after putting a beating on Conor McGregor in their highly anticipated fight. Not after leaping out of the octagon to settle another score while a couple of his thugs jumped in to deliver a few more blows to McGregor's head.

And certainly not after getting a call from Vladimir Putin offering congratulations for a job well done.

Fighting means never having to say you're sorry, especially if you're doing it in the UFC. Nothing seems to be off limits, whether it's a dive out of the octagon or an attack with a hand truck on a bus.

UFC or WWE? About the only thing missing Saturday night on the Las Vegas Strip was a script and some folding chairs for Nurmagomedov to smash over the heads of his tormentors.

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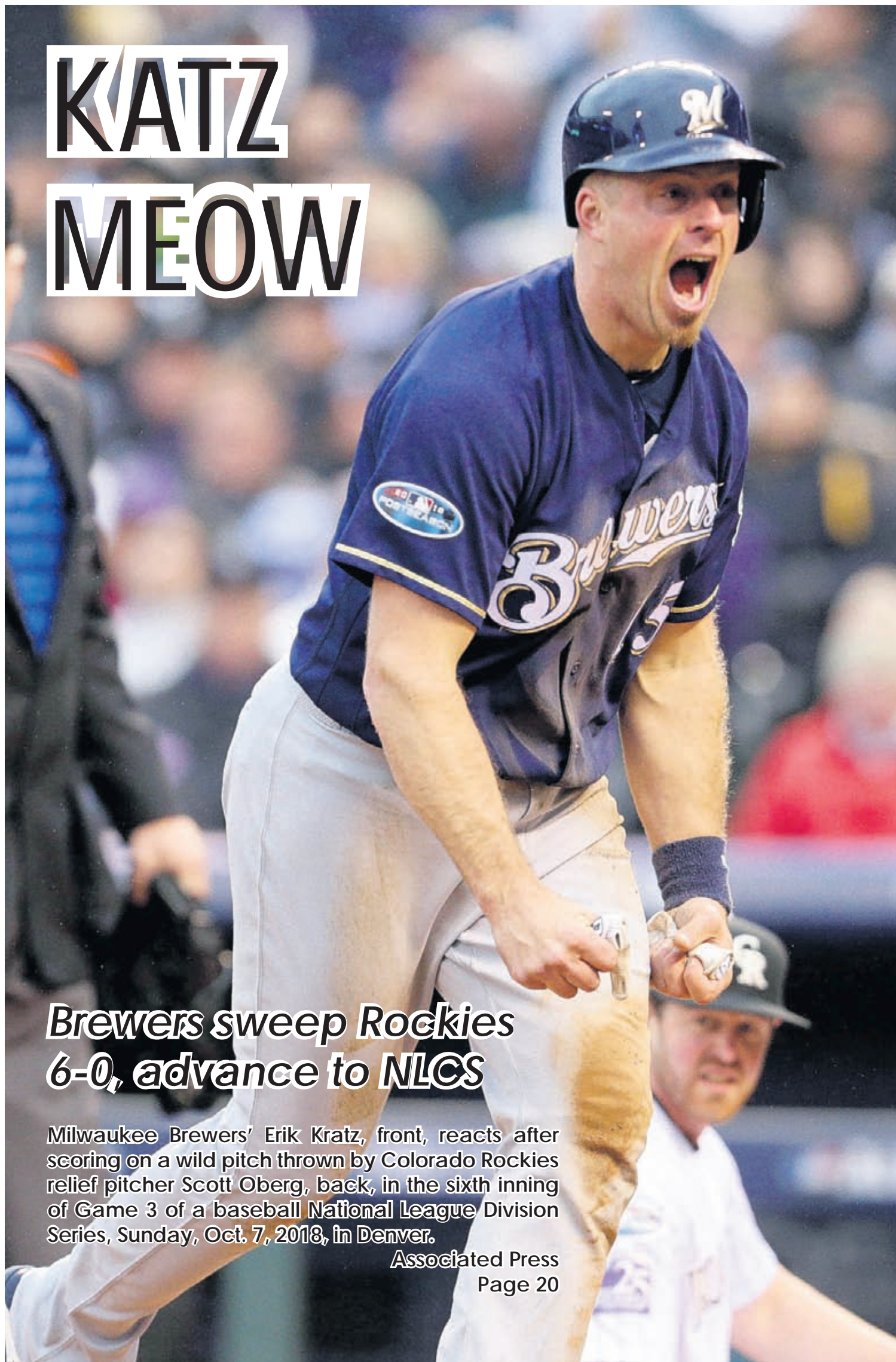
KATZ MEOW

Brewers sweep Rockies 6-0, advance to NLCS

Milwaukee Brewers' Erik Kratz, front, reacts after scoring on a wild pitch thrown by Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Scott Oberg, back, in the sixth inning of Game 3 of a baseball National League Division Series, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Denver.

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Gagliardi, college football's winningest coach, dies at 91

By DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — John Gagliardi was ahead of his time as a football coach, believing he did not need to make his players suffer for them to succeed.

Using unconventional methods at a small private university in Minnesota, Gagliardi won more football games than anybody who has ever coached in college.

Gagliardi died Sunday at the age of 91, according to St. John's University.

"John was a winner in so many ways, but mostly in his ability to connect with others," Gina Gagliardi Benson, the coach's daughter, posted on Facebook. "His appreciation of others ran so deep that it was the core of who John was."

Gagliardi retired in 2012 after a record 64 seasons as a head coach, with 60 of those at St. John's, an all-male private school in Collegeville. He finished with 489 victories, 138 losses and 11 ties, winning four national championships with the Johnnies. But he drew as much national attention to a school with fewer than 2,000 students with his laid-back approaches to the sport. His policy was to not cut any players from the roster and guide nonstrenuous practices that never exceeded 90 minutes.

"John Gagliardi was not only an extraordinary coach, he was also an educator of young men and builder of character," St. John's President Michael Hemesath said in a statement. "John inspired deep and enduring loyalty and passion among his players across the decades because he taught them lessons through the medium of football that served them well in their personal and professional lives long after graduating from St. John's University. His is a legacy any educator would be extremely proud of."

Where Gagliardi truly made his mark was with the word "no."

His entire coaching philosophy was based on a list of "nos," a rejection of foot-

ball's sometimes-sadistic rituals that he detested as a player. Gagliardi hated it when people called him "coach," preferring John instead. Long before football became safety conscious at all levels, Gagliardi was terrified of injuries, so contact in practice was kept to a minimum and tackling was prohibited. Everybody who wanted to be on the team could make it, often leaving a roster of more than 150 players.

Grueling calisthenics? No way. Same for hazing, screaming, whistles, superstitions and even practicing in extreme conditions. If the mosquitos were swarming? Forget it.

"We have one rule with our players — the golden rule," Gagliardi said in the 2003 interview with The Associated Press. "Treat everybody the way you would want to be treated. We get the right guys. The ones that don't need any rules. ... We just hope they can play football."

Gagliardi passed Grambling's Eddie Robinson for all-time coaching victories with No. 409 in 2003 and again for all-time games coached with No. 588 in 2008. The major-college leader in wins is the late Joe Paterno, who finished with 409 at Penn State from 1966-2011.

The journey for Gagliardi began at Carroll College in Montana in 1949 when three conference titles in four years changed that school's mind about dropping the sport. He then moved east to St. John's, a Catholic institution founded in 1857 by Benedictine monks who came to minister to the influx of German immigrants in central Minnesota. Though Gagliardi — born in the mining town of Trinidad, Colorado — knew little about the school when he showed up, he soon found his niche.

During the hiring process, the monks asked him if he could beat rival St. Thomas and another conference foe, Gustavus.

"I had never heard of them," Gagliardi said. "But I said, 'Sure.'"

St. John's went 6-2 and won the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in his first season, his first of 27 MIAC titles.

"When I came to Minnesota ... I'd never seen television," Gagliardi said in the 2003 interview. "I was unmarried at the time, living in the dorms. I asked them if I could have a TV set. They weren't so sure at first. But after we beat St. Thomas and Gustavus, they were like, 'You still want that TV?'" Saturdays eventually became an event on the serene, secluded campus as the Johnnies thrived under Gagliardi's leadership. Red-clad fans have routinely packed Clemens Stadium, a natural bowl field carved into the woods where 7,500 people watch from the



In a Nov. 19, 2012 file photo, St. John's University head football coach John Gagliardi addresses the media after announcing his retirement in his 60th season as coach in Collegeville, Minn.

seats and more still sit along the grassy slopes beneath the orange hues of autumn. As he built a power at the NCAA's non-scholarship Division III level, Gagliardi was quick to shrug off his success with self-

deprecating humor. One of Gags' favorite gags was to pluck a time-worn, dog-eared book off the shelf in his office and point to the title on the cover: "Everything I know about coaching football for 35 years." □

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Brewers sweep Rockies, advance to 1st NLCS since 2011

By PAT GRAHAM, AP Sports Writer

DENVER (AP) — Wade Miley pitched masterfully into the fifth inning before turning it over to a lights-out Milwaukee bullpen, 38-year-old catcher Erik Kratz kept up his torrid hitting and the Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 6-0 in Game 3 on a cool, misty Sunday to sweep their NL Division Series.

The Brewers have won 11 straight dating to the regular season and advance to their first NL Championship Series since 2011. They will play the winner of the Dodgers-Braves series, starting Friday at Miller Park. With manager Craig Counsell making all the right moves, Milwaukee's pitching staff held Nolan Arenado, Trevor Story and the bruising Rockies to a combined two runs and 14 hits in the series. Of the 28 innings in the matchup, wild card Colorado scored in only one of them.

"The story of the series for us was certainly our pitching," Counsell said. "We got

a great start from Wade Miley. He did a beautiful job keeping them off balance."

ature was 46 degrees — and was even tougher on Rockies hitters. The wily left-hander allowed three hits

With two on, Josh Hader got Ian Desmond to fly out to end the ninth and start an on-field celebration.

against Milwaukee's stingy pitching. Colorado's three All-Stars — Story, Arenado and Charlie Blackmon — finished the series with a combined five hits.

"We got into the dance. We fought, but we might not have played our best," Rockies manager Bud Black said. "Part of that is the opposition, how they played. But again, our guys played how you're supposed to play. That's what I'm most proud of. They came to play every day. They came to play in this series, and they got outplayed."

This is how well it went for the Brewers on the drizzly day: They scored twice in the sixth without a hit — one on a balk and another on a wild pitch, with Kratz lumbering home for the second run.

The 31-year-old Miley endured a bumpy season that saw him suffer a strained groin in March and later miss two months with a right oblique strain. He bottled up the Rockies with a cutter, curve and an effective change.

Marquez went five innings and allowed two runs before being lifted for a pinch-hitter. He got the start over Denver native Kyle Freeland, whose 2.40 at Coors Field this season was the lowest mark for a starter in franchise history.

THIS & THAT

Brewers OF Christian Yelich went 0 for 3 with two walks. He made his major league debut at Coors Field on July 23, 2013, and collected his first two big league hits that day.

... Arenado wore a face mask late in the game due to the cool conditions. ... OF Carlos Gonzalez lost the grip on his bat in the ninth and it wound up in the screen by the Rockies dugout. ... The Rockies have lost 11 of their last 13 post-season games.

UP NEXT

Brewers: Await the winner of the Braves-Dodgers series in the NLCS. Rockies: That's a wrap until 2019, when they start the season March 28-31 with a four-game series in Miami. □



Milwaukee Brewers celebrate after the final out by the Colorado Rockies in the ninth inning of Game 3 of a baseball National League Division Series Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Denver.

Associated Press

Making his postseason debut, Miley toughed the elements — he wore short sleeves when the temper-

over 4 2/3 innings. A procession of five Brewers relievers allowed one hit the rest of the way.

The first one to greet Hader was Kratz, who made his second postseason start and finished 3 for 4 with a double.

Acquired from the New York Yankees in May for a player to be named, Kratz is making quite a name for himself in the playoffs. He went 5 for 8 in the series.

"Our pitching staff doesn't get enough credit," said Kratz, who was doused over and over with sparkling wine in the Brewers clubhouse.

Orlando Arcia and Keon Broxton hit back-to-back homers in the ninth off Wade Davis to make it 6-0 and end any sort of drama. Jesus Aguilar had a solo shot in the fourth off German Marquez that Counsell sort of predicted.

The Brewers manager said Saturday, "Aggie is going to hit a home run in the playoffs, a big homer with men on base, I promise." Granted, it wasn't with men on base. But it was still big and gave the NL Central champs a 2-0 lead.

That was more than enough against a Colorado offense that was shut out twice in the series and hit .146

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Elliott uses Dover win to earn berth in next playoff round

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Chase Elliott had been burdened by lofty expectations that come as the son of a Hall of Fame driver and the replacement of a four-time NASCAR champion.

As the close calls and frustrating finishes mounted, and wins eluded him, the 22-year-old Elliott could feel the pressure tighten each time he slipped into the No. 9 Chevrolet.

But once Elliott raced to his first Cup win, the second victory wasn't far behind, and now the Hendrick Motorsports star pegged as NASCAR's next most popular driver is thinking championship.

"There isn't any reason why we can't make a run at this deal," Elliott said.

Elliott stayed off pit road during a late caution and avoided similar disasters that struck the Stewart-Haas Racing drivers to pull away and win in overtime Sunday at Dover International Speedway. Elliott earned an automatic berth into the next round of the NASCAR Cup playoffs.

Eight races after his first win at Watkins Glen, Elliott was back in victory lane again — another needed dose of good news for NASCAR following the rousing success of the roval race last week at Charlotte.

Elliott bounded over the wall and high-fived Gordon, the driver he replaced in 2016, and shared a big hug with team owner Rick Hendrick. A year ago at Dover, Elliott coughed up the lead with two laps left to Kyle Busch, in what he called the most crushing defeat of his career.

He left that race 0 for 70 in Cup.

Elliott rubbed his head and



Chase Elliott, front left, poses with the trophy in Victory Lane after he won a NASCAR Cup Series auto race, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

Associated Press

leaned against his car, crestfallen as he replayed the final laps in his mind. Jimmie Johnson walked over to offer some encouragement and let Elliott vent. It was one big celebration on Sunday.

"When he won the race at Watkins Glen, it was like the world was lifted off his shoulders," Hendrick said. Bill Elliott did not attend the race, but with more races like this one, it's not hard to imagine son eventually eclipsing dad's mark of one Cup championship.

"I think this only elevates his game," Gordon said.

Elliott's win means he can breathe a bit easier as the series shifts to treacherous Talladega, where anything can happen on the superspeedway. The top eight drivers after the next two races move on to the next round and Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Kyle Larson and Alex Bowman are stuck below the cutoff with

two races left in the round of 12.

"We've had so many opportunities and been so close and had the car to win and been in position and I don't know, it just seems to not come through," Almirola said.

Denny Hamlin was second, followed by playoff driver Joey Logano. NASCAR playoff drivers took 10 of the top 15 spots.

SHR was in control with Kevin Harvick early and Almirola late. Harvick led 286 laps and was on pace to sweep the Dover races until tire issues derailed his run and he finished sixth. Almirola, who led 64 laps late and had his second career Cup win in sight, was running sixth off a restart when he got loose and connected with Brad Keselowski. That triggered a multi-car wreck that collected championship contenders and brought out the red flag to force overtime. "We were just

lucky there and wound up dodging and weaving and being in the right place," Harvick said. "I guess that makes up for the bad luck of losing the race with an absolute dominant car." Almirola had lost the lead when Bowyer wrecked. Elliott was third when he stayed out on yellow, and would lead the final 11 laps. "I think that was our best opportunity to win the race, and it was our best opportunity to score the most points we could score," crew chief Alan Gustafson said. "Even if Denny would have passed us, which was certainly a possibility, it was still going to yield us more points than I think it would have had we pitted."

They got the points, the win — and a championship hope still alive and well. Here are other items of note from Dover.

JIMMIE'S RIDE

Hendrick said there could be an announcement in

the next month for Johnson's new 2019 sponsor.

Lowe's, which had been on the hood for all seven championships, said this year it was leaving the sport and Hendrick had yet to find another sponsor.

"It's really hard when you have someone that's so successful but they've been tied to one brand for a long time," Hendrick said. Johnson's bid for a record eighth NASCAR Cup title ended last week when he was eliminated from the playoffs. His No. 48 Chevrolet was forced to the garage at Dover during the pace laps because of mechanical woes and he finished 36th. Johnson, who holds the Dover record with 11 wins, was an early hit when he dropped off 12 kids' bikes at Martin Truex Jr.'s hauler as an apology of sorts for triggering a wreck last week at Charlotte that denied both drivers a shot at a win.

BIG BET

Elliott had 12-1 odds in the first-ever race where legalized sports betting happened at the track. Dover International Speedway opened its on-site betting kiosk this weekend and became the only track that allowed sports gambling on its property. NASCAR does not prohibit its drivers or team members from betting on the race. NASCAR President Steve Phelps said the series is set to implement guidelines in the rulebook on sports betting in 2019.

UP NEXT

The series heads to Talladega where Keselowski is the defending race winner. Team Penske drivers Keselowski and Logano have combined to win five of the last seven races at Talladega. □

Rams lose top 2 receivers to concussions

By The Associated Press

The Rams' high-powered offense took a couple of big hits.

Los Angeles' leading receivers, Brandin Cooks and Cooper Kupp, were both lost to concussions late in the first half as the Rams turned to Robert Woods and a cast of lesser-known characters to beat the Seattle Seahawks 33-31 on Sunday.

Cooks was hit hard by Tedric Thompson as he came across the field. Most of the hit was with Thompson's shoulder, but there was some helmet-to-helmet impact and Cooks appeared to be immediately knocked out. He eventually jogged off the field on his own but was ruled out early in the second half.

Kupp was also lost with a concussion, although it wasn't immediately clear when he got hurt. Kupp was in on a desperation throw into the end zone on the final play of the first half, but didn't rejoin his teammates to start the third quarter.

The Jacksonville Jaguars, meanwhile, suffered injuries that will test their depth on the offensive line and at running back.

The Jaguars lost left tackle Cam Robinson for the season last month with a knee injury, and left tackle Josh Wells left Sunday's loss in Kansas City with an injured groin in the first half. Running back Leonard Fournette missed the game with a hamstring injury that



Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Brandin Cooks (12) reacts after a hit by Seattle Seahawks free safety Tedric Thompson (33) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, in Seattle. Cooks left the game with an injury after the play.

Associated Press

has limited him this season, and Corey Grant hurt a foot and also left in the first half.

Luckily, cornerback Jalen Ramsey returned after taking a knee to the helmet on the opening series.

Kansas City lost four defensive players to injuries in the first half against Jacksonville with linebackers Justin Houston (hamstring) and Tanoh Kpassagnon (ankle) and free safeties Armani Watts (groin) and Eric Murray (lower leg) not returning.

The Chiefs' most significant injury might have come in the final minutes, when right guard Laurent Duver-

nay-Tardif left with a broken left leg.

Tennessee left tackle Taylor Lewan left his second game this season with an injury in the Titans' 13-12 loss in Buffalo. Lewan hurt a foot in the second quarter and was replaced by Tyler Marz. In Cincinnati, Miami left tackle Laremy Tunsil left with a concussion during the Bengals' fourth-quarter comeback.

Jets cornerback Buster Skrine started for Trumaine Johnson, sidelined with a strained quadriceps. But Skrine left in the first quarter with a head injury and did not return. Denver finished the 34-16 loss to the Jets

without cornerback Adam Jones, who was ruled out in the second half after hurting a leg.

Cleveland wide receiver Rashard Higgins will have an MRI on Monday for a knee injury in the Browns' overtime victory over Baltimore. Higgins had three catches for 66 yards and a touchdown before getting hurt.

Detroit running back Kerryon Johnson ran for 70 yards on 12 carries before appearing to hurt his right ankle, and he left in the fourth quarter. Lions cornerback Teez Tabor (groin) and cornerback Jamal Agnew (knee) also left their 31-23

over Green Bay. Packers linebacker Nick Perry hurt an ankle, and cornerback Kevin King hurt his chin.

Giants right tackle Chad Wheeler did not return after hurting his hand in the fourth quarter of New York's 33-31 loss to Carolina. Panthers wide receiver Devin Funchess returned to the game after being evaluated for a concussion in the fourth quarter after a helmet-to-helmet hit by Giants defensive back Michael Thomas. Panthers center Ryan Kalil did not return after being shaken up late in the fourth quarter, with Tyler Larsen finishing the game.

The San Francisco 49ers, already reeling from quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo's season-ending knee injury, lost running back Matt Breida to an injured ankle in their 28-16 loss to Arizona. Breida entered fourth in the league in rushing with 313 yards and had eight carries for 56 yards, along with a TD catch, before he was hurt. Center Weston Richburg injured a knee and left in the second half.

The Cardinals' first victory of the season came with a price as two offensive linemen were hurt. Mike Iupati left with a shoulder injury and Andre Smith injured a hamstring. In the Vikings' 23-21 road victory over the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles, left tackle Riley Reiff exited with a foot injury for Minnesota. Eagles safety Corey Graham left with a hamstring injury. □

Rooney's 2 goals raise total to 9 as DC United tops Fire 2-1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wayne Rooney scored twice in the second half to raise his season total to nine goals in 16 matches, and D.C. United rallied to beat the Chicago Fire 2-1 on Sunday.

A former England captain who made his Major League Soccer debut in July, the 32-year-old striker has five goals in his last three games.

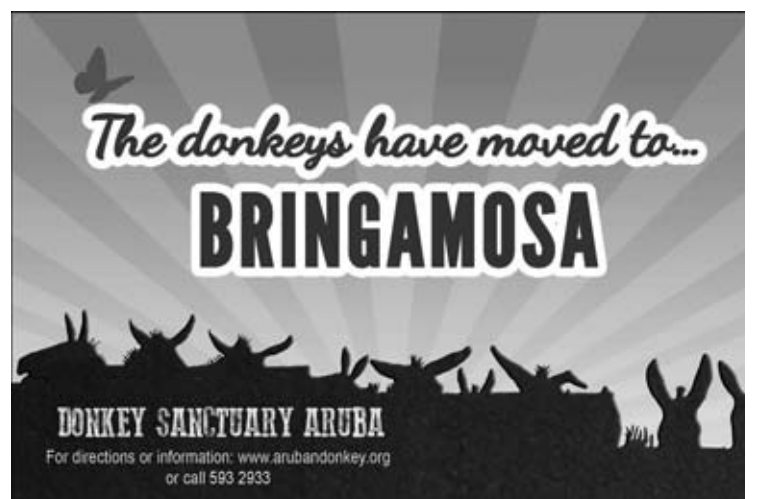
Rooney tied the score in

the 62nd minute when his slight deflection of Paul Arriola's cross caused goalkeeper Stefan Cleveland to bobble the ball, and Rooney tapped home the rebound. Rooney converted a penalty kick in the 81st after Junior Moreno drew a foul. Rooney had a goal disallowed in the 21st on video review for a foul by Luciano Acosta off the ball. Rooney also curled a shot just wide on a breakaway

in the 72nd.

D.C. United (11-11-8) is two points shy of sixth-place Montreal for the Eastern Conference's final playoff spot with two games in hand. D.C.'s 55 league goals are its most since 2007.

Raheem Edwards scored his third goal of the season in the 51st for Chicago (8-17-7) after cutting back against two defenders inside the penalty area. □





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Fight poses a question: Is this UFC or WWE?

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Sadly, it was all too predictable. So, too, will be the punishment for the fight after the fight.

If you didn't get any bets down on the fight itself, here's something you can bet on: Nevada's fight officials will get together sometime soon and hand down a fine and suspension to the Russian for the melee that broke out after his win over McGregor.

There will be some stern warnings issued, some promises extracted that it won't happen again. Nurmagomedov might even offer a more believable apology.

And then there will be the rematch that will make even more millions of dollars for everyone involved. Oh, and here's another prediction: UFC fans will eat it all up.

Remember that the biggest fight in the history of UFC became that only after McGregor launched a criminal attack on a bus containing Nurmagomedov and others in Brooklyn, then followed it with a verbal attack on his oppo-

nent's nationality and religion.

It became that only after UFC chief Dana White embraced the bus attack and used video of it in ads to sell what he says will be a record number of pay-per-views to fans eager to see even more.

Blame Nurmagomedov for his extracurricular action, yes. People were put in danger when he vaulted from the octagon, including Nevada's governor, who White claimed was last seen running from the arena. But most of the blame should be put directly on White and UFC's new owners for promoting — and profiting from — both a criminal act and trash talk that should be outside any sport — even in a sport that seems to have no standards.

It was White, you might remember, who expressed outrage in Brooklyn in April when McGregor took a hand truck and smashed the window of the bus carrying Nurmagomedov and others. The rampage, White said at the time, was "the most disgusting thing that has ever happened in



Khabib Nurmagomedov, right, is held back by referee Herb Dean after fighting Conor McGregor, bottom, during a lightweight title mixed martial arts bout at UFC 229 in Las Vegas, Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018.

the history of the (UFC)." But there were no real consequences for McGregor, other than a brief trip to jail and a court appearance. Certainly no suspension by the UFC, which badly needs its only remaining big star to sell pay-per-views and keep investors happy. A few months later, White was using video from the

incident to promote the fight. And a few days before the fight, he stood smiling as McGregor spouted a bizarre conspiracy theory about the Russian's manager and the 9/11 terrorist attacks and then vowed to put a hole in Nurmagomedov's skull.

It was clown behavior, but this is a sport that rewards

clown behavior. And that's why both fighters stand to make even bigger money the next time they meet in the cage, something McGregor was already calling for just hours after his loss.

"Good knock," McGregor tweeted after tapping out in the fourth round. "Looking forward to the rematch." □

S. Korea holds off U.S. and England to win International Crown

By JOHN DUERDEN

Associated Press

INCHEON, South Korea (AP)

— South Korea held off challenges from the United States and England to win the eight-nation International Crown for the first time in front of a delighted home crowd at Jack Nicklaus Golf Club on Sunday. The top-seeded host team started the final round two points clear of the chasing pack and won two of the four singles matchups to finish with 15 points, four ahead of the defending

champion United States and England.

Thailand finished fourth, and Sweden fifth. Australia, Taiwan, and Japan were all eliminated at the end of the third round.

In contrast to the wet conditions that cost the tournament an entire day's play on Saturday after Typhoon Kong-rey hit the Korean peninsula, bright sunshine helped produce a big and passionate crowd that cheered the home team on to victory. "We never really feel nervous before ma-

jors but we have been nervous for a couple of months before this," So Yeon Ryu said. "Turns out that because this was home field, we felt comfortable with all the fans that came out to support us, and we had a lot of benefits. The support was incredible."

Ryu fought back from two down to halve with Lexi Thompson of the United States. Only world No. 1 Sung Hyun Park lost of the South Korean quartet, 2 and 1 against Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand. □



Winners on the South Korean team from left; In Gee Chun, So Yeon Ryu, In-Kyung Kim, and Sung Hyun Park pose with the trophy after winning the UL International Crown golf tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, in Incheon, South Korea, Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

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Toyota, SoftBank setting up mobility services joint venture

By YURI KAGEYAMA
AP Business Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's No. 1 automaker Toyota Motor and technology giant SoftBank Group are setting up a joint venture to create mobility services in what they called a "united Japan" effort to face global competition.

The 2 billion yen (\$20 million) venture, Monet Technologies Corp. is meant to be running by the end of March.

It will work on on-demand vehicle services, food deliveries, data analysis and hospital shuttles with on-board medical exams, the companies said Thursday in a news conference at a Tokyo hotel.

"Many of you here may be asking why Toyota and SoftBank?" Toyota Chief Executive Akio Toyoda said of the odd-couple union of an old-style manufacturer with a relative newcomer like SoftBank.

The energy and telecoms company's past tie-ups have tended to be with overseas startups. But Softbank has also invested in leading car-sharing companies like Uber, Didi and Grab, and has acquired



Representative Director and CTO of SoftBank Corp. Junichi Miyakawa, left and Executive Vice President of Toyota Motor Corporation Shigeki Tomoyama, right, shake hands during a press conference in Tokyo Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018.

Associated Press

Arm, a leader in the Internet of Things, or IoT.

Toyoda stressed the auto industry was changing in an era of connected cars, autonomous driving, car-sharing and electric vehicles.

"We want to change," said Toyoda.

SoftBank Chairman Masayoshi Son said he was thrilled to be partnering with a top

automaker on mobility and artificial intelligence, his company's expertise.

"I'm so excited just thinking about it," he said, appearing with Toyoda. The two executives praised each other profusely after the news conference.

The joint venture's services will roll out in Japan first, but a global expansion is in the works, the companies said.

It's 50.25 percent owned by SoftBank, 49.75 percent by Toyota.

Toyota is developing autonomous vehicles in time for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Monet plans to roll out a business featuring autonomous vehicle services by the second half of 2020, they said.

Automakers around the world are forming tie-ups

in the race to develop the next-generation of transportation, such as self-driving cars.

Earlier this week, Toyota's Japanese rival Honda Motor Co. said it was investing \$2.75 billion in GM Cruise, an autonomous-vehicle unit run by General Motors Co. of the U.S.

Softbank is also an investor in GM Cruise. Uber has announced a partnership with Toyota. Other autonomous-drive partnerships include BMW with Fiat Chrysler, chipmaker Intel and visual recognition software maker Mobileye; and German automaker Daimler AG with supplier Bosch to develop autonomous taxis. Google's Waymo in the U.S. plans to put autonomous vehicles on the road in a ride-sharing service in the Phoenix area before the end of this year. U.S. electric-car maker Tesla is also developing autonomous vehicles. "This may look like an unusual combination," said SoftBank's executive in charge of technology, Junichi Miyakawa. "But Japan must compete with the rest of the world. That is why we are shaking hands today." □



In this Sept. 13, 2011, file photo, new Toyota Prius hybrid car is presented during the press day of the 64th Frankfurt Auto Show in Frankfurt, Germany.

Associated Press

Toyota recalls 2.4 million hybrids due to stalling problems

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Motor Corp. says it has issued a recall for 2.43 million hybrid vehicles in Japan and elsewhere for potential problems with stalling.

The company said Friday that in rare cases the vehicles might fail to enter a "failsafe" driving mode, lose power and stall. Power steering and braking would still work but a stall at a fast speed could increase risks

of a crash.

The recall applies to some Toyota Prius and Auris hybrids made from October 2008-November 2014. The vehicles were involved in an earlier recall that did not fix the previously unanticipated problem that is being addressed now, the company said in a statement.

Toyota said it would update the software of the vehicles

to remedy the problem for free.

The recall applies to 1.25 million vehicles in Japan, 807,000 in the U.S., 290,000 in Europe and 3,000 in China with the rest across the globe.

Toyota said it had received three reports in Japan related to the problem by the end of September and reported them to the transport ministry. □

As joblessness falls, skilled workers might be hard to find

By **JOSH BOAK,**
Associated Press

Are America's employers at risk of running out of skilled people to hire?

The U.S. economy has become a seemingly perpetual job-generating machine, having steadily added workers for nearly eight years. Even with the unemployment rate now at 3.7 percent — its lowest point since 1969 — hiring hasn't stalled. So far this year, job growth has averaged a robust 208,000 a month, up from a pace of 182,000 for all of 2017.

The trend has defied the predictions of most economists. Many have long warned that as hiring surged and unemployment fell, the pool of potential hires would shrink and trigger a bidding war that would ignite wage gains.

It hasn't happened. Many people are still being hired each month. And pay raises, though rising, remain modest.

"Every single time that we predict job growth is going to start slowing and wage growth is going to start picking up in recent years, we haven't gotten that right," said Martha Gimbel, research director for the jobs listing site Indeed.

To try to explain why employers are still managing to hire skilled workers at a steady pace, Gimbel paraphrased a line from the 1971 movie "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory":

"There's no knowing where we're going, but it shows no sign of slowing."

In July, America's employers posted a record 6.9 million job openings, which actually exceeded the number of unemployed people. The abundance of openings suggests that companies expect to keep hiring.

Even the Trump administration, for all its brash public confidence, acknowledges uncertainty about how much further unemployment can fall.

"It's a tricky question, because I don't think we know," Larry Kudlow, the president's top economic

adviser, told reporters Friday.

At some point, many employers will likely feel they're running out of skilled work-

ers in the government's gauge of hourly earnings.

American Textile, a 93-year-old manufacturer of pillows, sheets and com-

modities, remains below its peak, it suggests that a pool of people exists who could potentially start looking for work or return to school to

improve their skills. But a shortage doesn't necessarily exist across the entire economy. If it did, the pressures to raise wages would be stronger.



In this June 21, 2018 file photo, a job applicant looks at job listings for the Riverside Hotel at a job fair hosted by Job News South Florida, in Sunrise, Fla.

Associated Press

ers to hire. Just not yet. Here will be five signals that a labor shortage may finally be at hand:

PAY RAISES SPIKE

Average hourly wages have risen 2.8 percent in the past 12 months. That's basically keeping pace with the inflation rate for consumer prices. But the theory is that as economy keeps expanding and employers find they need to pay more to attract employees, pay could jump, especially in some sectors of the economy that require heavily skilled workers.

Some companies are already taking action. Consider Amazon's just-announced boost in its minimum hourly wage to \$15 starting in November. Amazon's rival retailers and warehouse operators, in particular, may feel pressure to raise pay, too.

For now, many employers appear to be raising pay only modestly while in some cases also offering short-term bonuses not included

in the government's gauge of hourly earnings. American Textile, a 93-year-old manufacturer of pillows, sheets and commodities, remains below its peak, it suggests that a pool of people exists who could potentially start looking for work or return to school to improve their skills. But a shortage doesn't necessarily exist across the entire economy. If it did, the pressures to raise wages would be stronger.

"Just show up — you'll get something extra," said Pete Marsalis, the company's director of human resources.

LOTS MORE PEOPLE SEEKING WORK

One of the best measures of available workers is what's called the participation rate. That's the proportion of working-age adults who either have a job or are actively looking for one.

The participation rate for people defined as prime age — 25 to 54 years old — was 81.8 percent in September. That is below the peak of 84.6 percent in January 1999.

The rate increased in 2016 and 2017, but it's fluctuated this year. Because the rate

obtains specialized skills or training for a job.

To return to the peak participation rate would require roughly an additional 4 million people to start looking for a job and potentially find one.

SHARPER MISMATCH BETWEEN OPENINGS AND SKILL SETS

If there already were a severe shortage of skilled workers, a broad mismatch would likely exist between the types of jobs available and the types of jobs people are seeking. But research published last month by the job listing site Indeed suggests that the degree of the mismatch has actually narrowed since 2014.

In examining resumes posted to Indeed, the researchers found that roughly one-third don't match the available jobs. Though that's a relatively high proportion, it's less than in 2014, when the proportion was closer to 40 percent.

A shortage of skilled workers, like nurses, might now exist in certain sectors of the

A SLOWDOWN IN JOB GROWTH

When Joe Brusuelas scanned the September jobs report, he saw signs that a shortage of skilled workers could emerge in the near future. He's the chief economist for RSM, a consulting firm that specializes in mid-size businesses.

"Over the past 12 months, we should start to see the pace of hiring grind down," he said.

Brusuelas sees fewer people entering the labor force, a consequence of lower birth rates and other demographic changes as the vast baby boom generation retires. In June, the growth of the labor force was 1.2 percent compared with a year earlier. By September, the 12-month growth in the labor force had more than halved to 0.52 percent.

Fewer people entering the job market could cause employers to slow their pace of hiring because they couldn't find enough skilled workers.

FORMERLY UNDESIRABLE GROUPS BEING HIRED

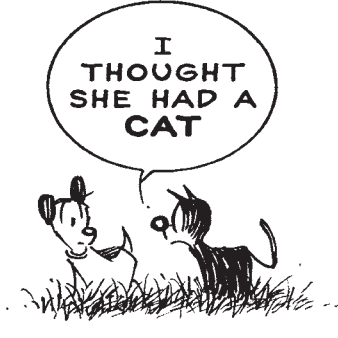
The Trump administration's drive to limit immigration could worsen any shortage of qualified workers.

Brusuelas suggested that employers who foresee a lack of qualified workers might broaden their searches to groups they wouldn't have previously considered for hires. He estimated, for example, that 8 million to 10 million people with felony records can't fully participate in the job market now. Bringing these people into the job market is among the priorities of President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka.

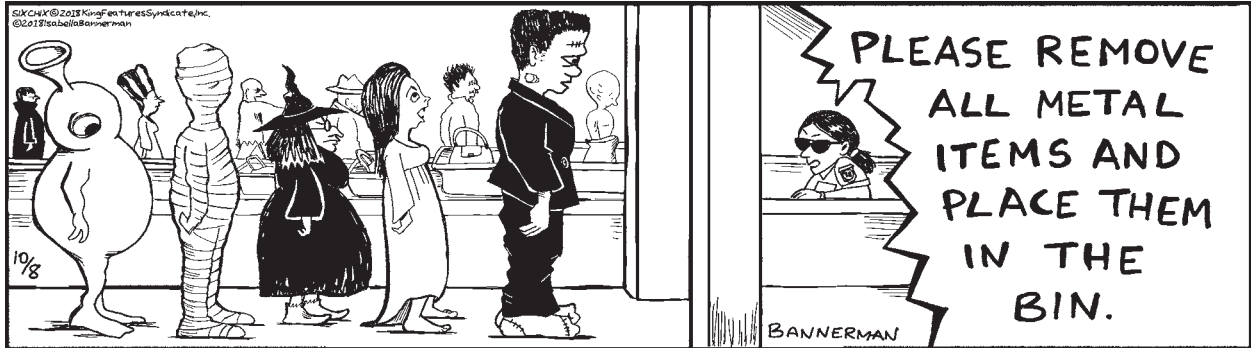
On the White House lawn Friday, Kudlow, the director of the White House National Economic Council, also endorsed the initiative.

"I'm all for it," he said. □

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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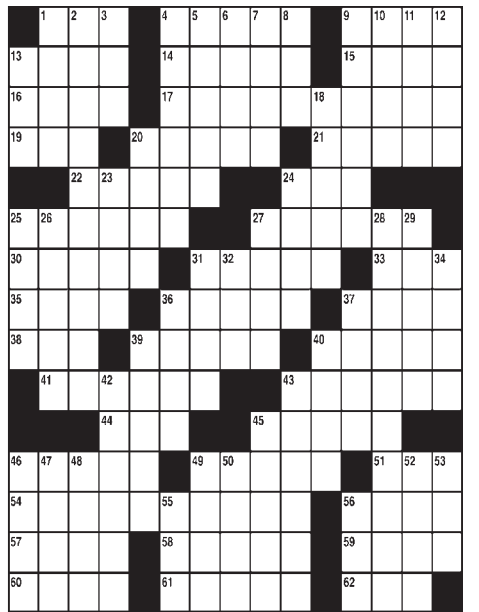
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ACROSS

- Annoy
- Snails' cousins
- Slender
- Opposite of coarse
- Sacred scroll
- Canned fish
- Lahr or Parks
- Classic doll
- Rage
- Kelly and Autry
- Entertain
- Accumulate
- When to say "TGIF": abbr.
- Bike parts
- Says hello to
- Thrill
- Gives a hoot
- Diving bird
- Flows back
- Passé
- Qualified
- Chat room giggle
- "at the Bat"; famed baseball poem
- Cumbersome; hard to carry
- Riches
- Walks leisurely
- Actress Farrow
- Goes on and on
- "A Doll's House" playwright
- "Be quiet!"
- Beta Kappa
- Reddish apes
- Blessing
- Magician's rod
- Sudden increase
- Part of an egg
- Eras
- Range seen in Peru
- Connecting word

DOWN

- Coffin platform
- Illegible
- even; settle the score
- Mental tension
- Bank offerings
- Strong desire
- Chokes
- "Murder, ___ Wrote"
- Thwart
- Kauai feast
- Traveler's stops
- Lion's neck hair
- J. Edgar Hoover's agcy.
- Challenges
- Actress Storm
- Floor pads
- Ben Savage's brother
- Lemon rind
- Part of the arm
- Zane or Lady Jane
- Three teaspoons
- Pouting
- Money
- Gobbled up
- Islets off Florida
- Facts & figures
- Smallest continent: abbr.



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- Adhere
- "Poppycock!"
- Makes right
- Church services
- Sudden forward rush
- John Wayne's state of birth
- Boast
- Not nuts
- Astonish
- As ___ as nails
- on to; save
- Pen contents
- No. Amer. nation
- Hanging ___ thread; very insecure

Northeastern US seeks to prevent arrival of deer disease

By WILSON RING

Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) —

Deer biologists across northern New England are dusting off their plans for dealing with a fatal disease that has been spreading across North America for a half-century and was recently discovered again on a Canadian game farm.

Chronic wasting disease has never been found in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, and biologists hope the single case discovered in a captive deer just north of Montreal can be contained through aggressive monitoring and culling of wild deer in the area while they test to see whether the disease has infected the wild population.

"If they find it in the wild, then the freak-out factor goes through the roof because at that point, it's only a matter of time before it spreads," said Nick Fortin, deer biologist for the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The discovery comes as the states embark on annual fall deer hunts.

Chronic wasting disease, which always kills infected deer and related animals, is similar to mad cow disease, which affects cattle. Both diseases can contaminate forage plants and build up in soil, where they can remain for years.

It is not known to affect humans, but officials worry it could, over time, damage or destroy deer herds.

Vermont and many other states have prohibited hunters from bringing into the state deer, elk or parts of deer from areas that have reported chronic wasting disease or from captive hunt or farm facilities. Hunters can return with some processed parts of the animals. Vermont and a number of states have also banned the sale of deer urine, which is used as a lure.

Since it was first recognized in captive mule deer in



In this March 4, 2010, file photo a small herd of deer feed on the grounds of Spruce Cone Cabins and Campground, in Pittsburg, N.H.

Associated Press

Colorado about 50 years ago, chronic wasting disease has slowly spread to more than two dozen states and a number of Canadian provinces. States have spent millions trying to halt that from happening. Some feel that's too much money to spend when little is known about the disease. Shawn Schafer, executive director of the North American Deer Farmer Association, said the organization supports many of the restrictions on the movement of deer carcasses, but he feels not enough science has been done to determine the scope of the disease.

While biologists fear that once it the disease reaches an area it could be there to stay, but a 2005 outbreak in

central New York was contained quickly and it hasn't been detected in the state since.

Patrick Martin, a wildlife biologist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation who is in charge of the wildlife health unit, said a routine test discovered the 2005 case in a deer from a captive deer farm. A second infected animal was then found on another farm. Wildlife officials subsequently killed about 500 deer in the area and found two more deer infected wild deer. But the aggressive approach, which cost about \$1 million, appears to have worked. Since then New York has tested extensively and there have been no additional cases. □



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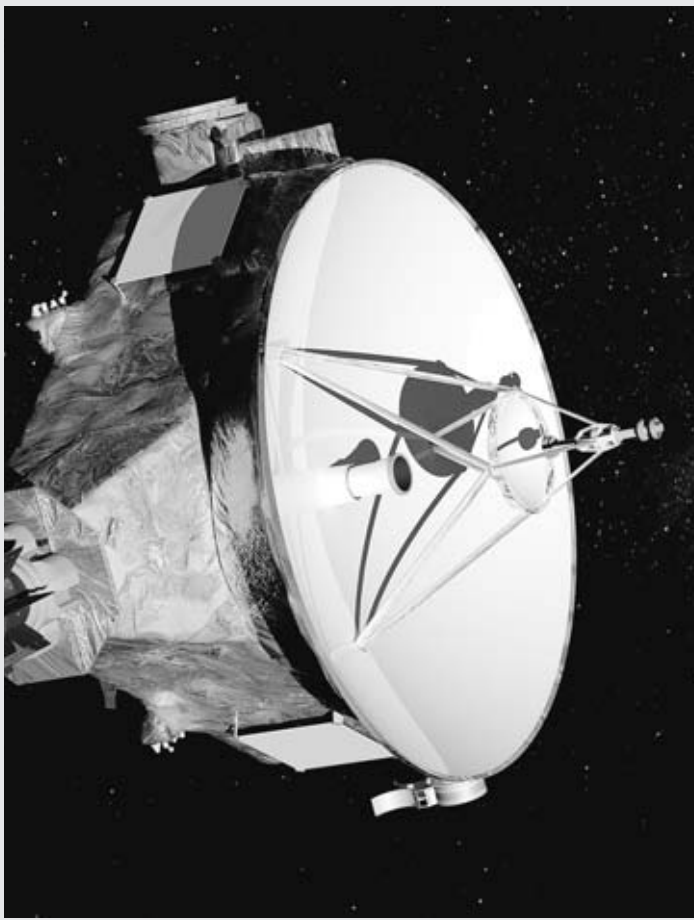
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This illustration provided by NASA shows the New Horizons spacecraft.

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NASA's Pluto explorer adjusts course as next icy world looms

By **MARCIA DUNN**, AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The NASA spacecraft that explored Pluto has adjusted course as its next target looms.

New Horizons fired its thrusters late Wednesday way out in our solar system's so-called Kuiper (KIE-per) Belt, or Twilight Zone.

That puts the spacecraft on track for a New Year's Day flyby of a teeny, frigid world dubbed Ultima Thule (THOO-lee).

The name comes from medieval maps and literature. Lead scientist Alan Stern is tweeting, "YEAH! Go Baby Go!"

New Horizons became the first spacecraft to visit Pluto in 2015.

Its next target is 1 billion miles (1.6 billion kilometers) beyond Pluto and a whopping 4 billion miles (6.4 billion kilometers) from us.

So 13 years after rocketing from Florida, New Horizons will break its own record for humanity's most distant tour of a cosmic object. □



This March 2017 photo provided by Johns Hopkins University shows therapy dog Winnie at the university's hospital in Baltimore, Md.

Associated Press

Therapy dogs can spread superbugs to kids, hospital finds

By **MIKE STOBBE**
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Therapy dogs can bring more than joy and comfort to hospitalized kids. They can also bring stubborn germs.

Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore were suspicious that the dogs might pose an infection risk to patients with weakened immune systems. So they conducted some tests when Pippi, Poppy, Badger and Winnie visited 45 children getting cancer treatment.

They discovered that kids who spent more time with the dogs had a 6 times greater chance of coming away with superbug bacteria than kids who spent less time with the animals. But the study also found that washing the dogs before visits and using special wipes while they're in the hospital took away the risk of spreading that bacteria. The results of the unpublished study were released Friday at a scientific meeting in San Francisco.

One U.S. health official said the findings add to the growing understanding that while interactions with pets and therapy animals can be beneficial, they can also carry risk.

"Whether covered in fur, feathers or scales, animals

have the potential to carry germs that make people sick," said Casey Barton Behravesh of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Pet therapy can help people recover from a range of health problems. Past studies have shown dogs or other animals can ease anxiety and sadness, lower blood pressure and even reduce the amount of medications some patients need.

But there have been episodes of the superbug MRSA riding around on healthy-looking therapy dogs.

MRSA, or methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria, often live on the skin without causing symptoms. But they can become more dangerous if they enter the bloodstream, destroying heart valves or causing other damage. Health officials have tied MRSA to as many as 11,000 U.S. deaths a year.

The bacteria can spread in daycares, locker rooms and military barracks, but public health efforts have focused on hospitals and nursing homes.

The Baltimore study looked at 45 children who interacted with the four dogs — petting, hugging, feed-

ing or playing with them — over 13 visits in 2016 and 2017.

Among kids who had no MRSA, the researchers found the superbug on about 10 percent of the samples taken from those kids after the dog visits. They also found MRSA on nearly 40 percent of the samples from the dogs. The researchers also determined that the more time someone spent with the animals, the greater the chance of ending up with the bacteria.

The researchers think the dogs were generally clean of MRSA when they first came to the hospital, but picked it up from patients or others while they were there, said one of the authors, Meghan Davis.

"Our hypothesis is it's really person-to-person transmission, but it happened through contact with the fur," said Davis, a Johns Hopkins public health researcher and veterinarian. Under hospital protocols, therapy dogs must be bathed within a day of a visit and are checked for wounds or other health problems. Children who see them are supposed to use hand sanitizer "but that wasn't strictly enforced," said Kathryn Dalton, another one of the researchers. □

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Banksy artwork self-destructs just after \$1.4 million sale

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Art prankster Banksy has struck again.

A work by the elusive street artist self-destructed in front of startled auction-goers on Friday, moments after being sold for 1.04 million pounds (\$1.4 million). In an Instagram post Saturday, Banksy claimed the dramatic artistic payoff had been years in the making. The spray-painted canvas "Girl With Balloon" went under the hammer at Sotheby's in London, fetching more than three times its pre-sale estimate and equaling a record price for the artist.

Then, as an alarm sounded, it ran through a shredder embedded in the frame, leaving half the canvas hanging from the bottom in strips.

A post on Banksy's official Instagram account

showed the moment — and the shocked reaction of those in the room — with the words "Going, going, gone..."

A video was later posted on the account, stating: "A few years ago I secretly built a shredder into a painting in case it was ever put up for auction." The video showed images of a shredder being implanted into a picture frame along with footage of Friday's auction finale.

Banksy's spokeswoman, Jo Brooks, confirmed that the post was genuine.

Sotheby's — which had noted before the sale that the work's ornate gilded frame was "an integral element of the artwork chosen by Banksy himself" — appeared as shocked as anyone else.

"It appears we just got Banksy-ed," said Alex Branczik, head of contemporary European art at the

auction house.

The auction house said it was "in discussion about next steps" with the buyer, whose identity was not disclosed. Some art-market watchers say the work could be worth even more in its shredded state.

"We have not experienced this situation in the past where a painting spontaneously shredded, upon achieving a record for the artist," Branczik said. "We are busily figuring out what this means in an auction context."

Geneva-based artist Pierre Koukjian, who was at the auction, said the buyer was "very lucky" to own a now-historic piece. He called Banksy's prank "a turning point in the history of contemporary and conceptual art."

Koukjian, who has met Banksy, said he is sure he caught a glimpse of the artist in the saleroom amid



In this undated photo provided by Sotheby's the spray-painted canvas 'Girl with Balloon' by artist Banksy is pictured.

Associated Press the confusion of the moment. Brooks would not say whether the artist had been at the auction. She said Sotheby's had been "100 percent" unaware of the planned stunt.

Banksy is not the first artist to deconstruct his own work. In the years after World War II, German-born artist

Gustav Metzger pioneered "auto-destructive art," creating paintings using acid that ate away the fabric beneath.

He also has a penchant for elaborate pranks.

In 2005, he hung an image of a spear-toting ancient human pushing a shopping cart in the British Museum, where it remained for several days before being discovered. The next year he smuggled a life-sized figure of a Guantanamo Bay detainee into Disneyland, and in 2015 he erected a full-scale dystopian theme park — "Dismaland" — by the British seaside.

"Girl With Balloon," which depicts a small child reaching up toward a heart-shaped red balloon, was originally stenciled on a wall in east London and has been endlessly reproduced, becoming one of Banksy's best-known images. □

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'Venom' sets October record with \$80M; 'Star Is Born' soars

By JAKE COYLE

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NEW YORK (AP) — In a weekend of perfect counterprogramming for Hollywood, the comic-book movie "Venom" shrugged off bad reviews to shatter the October box-office record with an \$80 million debut, while Bradley Cooper's "A Star Is Born" soared to \$41.3 million.

With \$174.5 million in tickets sold at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore, it was easily the best October weekend ever thanks to two very different films that both outperformed expectations.

"Venom" came in a critically panned, much-doubted foray by Sony Pictures to kick-start a Marvel expansion away from "Spider-Man." Warner Bros.' "A Star Is Born" remake rode a wave of hype, Oscar buzz and acclaim for Cooper's directorial debut and Lady Gaga's first leading performance.

One was a very iffy proposition; the other a sure thing. Both worked big time.

"We knew we had a hit,"



This image released by Sony Pictures shows a scene from "Venom."

said Warner Bros. distribution chief Jeffrey Goldstein of "A Star Is Born." "We also knew that every time people saw the movie, they felt it, they cried, they loved it. People just like the movie." That was more in question for director Ruben Fleischer's "Venom," starring Tom Hardy as the antihero who first appeared in 2007's "Spider-Man 3." The film earned a dismal 32 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. In "Venom," many expected another

studio misfire with "cinematic universe" ambitions. Yet audiences flocked to "Venom" in record numbers, giving it a B-plus CinemaScore. The previous best October opening was 2013's "Gravity" with \$55.7 million (not adjusted for inflation). Adrian Smith, president of domestic distribution for Sony, said that even though the studio was confident, "I did not see \$80 million coming."

The most telling number that explained the film's

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success, Smith said, was the 89 percent "fresh" audience score on Rotten Tomatoes. "Venom," which cost about \$100 million to make (relatively modest for a superhero film), grossed a total of \$205.2 million globally.

Steven O'Dell, Sony's president of international distribution, said the studio wanted to carve out a new approach for the comic-book adaptation with the PG-13-rated "Venom."

"This is not a Marvel style;

it's not DC," O'Dell said. "Tonally, it's its own unique direction."

While "Venom" attracted a younger, majority male audience, crowds for "A Star Is Born" were more female, at 66 percent, and older, at 68 percent over 35.

"In our older audience, we had people who hadn't been to a movie in years," Goldstein said.

Warner Bros., which premiered "A Star Is Born" last month at the Venice Film Festival, previewed the film in special advance screenings in the days ahead of opening, adding an additional \$1.3 million in ticket sales. The fifth version of the oft-remade tale, which cost about \$40 million to make, had been in development at Warner Bros. for decades, with earlier versions to potentially star Whitney Houston or Beyonce.

With "A Star Is Born" expected to play a large role in awards season, Goldstein said the film is sure to run through Christmas. The movie's soundtrack also reached No. 1 on iTunes this week. □

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Comedian Katt Williams jailed on assault charges in Oregon

By ANDREW SELSKY

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SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Comedian Katt Williams has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting a hired driver during an argument about taking him and his dog from the Portland, Oregon, airport to a performance in the city. Williams, who was in jail Sunday, came to Portland to perform in Nick Cannon's "Wild 'N Out" comedy improv show Friday night. The town car driver had swelling and cuts on his face and was treated at a hospital, according to Port of Portland police. The comedian, 47, whose real name is Micah Williams, left in another vehicle and was arrested Saturday. Williams has been charged with assault in the fourth degree, and an arraignment is scheduled for



In this Dec. 13, 2017, file photo, Katt Williams attends the LA Premiere of "Father Figures" in Los Angeles.

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Monday. He also was arrested for an out-of-state warrant from Georgia.

A publicist for Williams, whose comedy specials have appeared on HBO and Netflix, didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment. A jail official and a spokesman for the district attorney's office said they didn't know

if the comedian had an attorney who could speak on his behalf. The incident happened at Atlantic Aviation, which handles private planes at Portland International Airport, police said. An employee who answered the phone Sunday said her boss had told workers not to discuss the case. □

Spanish opera singer Montserrat Caballe dies at 85

By CIARAN GILES

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BARCELONA, Spain (AP)

— Montserrat Caballe, a Spanish opera singer renowned for her bel canto technique and her interpretations of the roles of Rossini, Bellini and Donizetti, has died. She was 85.

Caballe died early Saturday at Hospital San Pau in Barcelona, hospital spokesman Abraham del Moral told The Associated Press. Caballe's family requested the cause of death not be released, del Moral said, adding that she had been in the hospital since September.

Spanish media said that Caballe entered the hospital last month because of a gall bladder problem. Condolences poured in from the world of opera and Spain's highest authorities. King Felipe VI tweeted that Caballe was "the great lady of opera, legend of universal culture, the best of the best" and that "her personality and unequalled voice will accompany us forever."

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said a "a great ambassador of our country has died." For tenor Jose Carreras, opera lost its "best soprano" with the passing of Caballe. "Of all the sopranos that I have heard live, I have never heard anyone like Montserrat," Carreras told Catalunya Radio.



In this Nov. 17, 2006, file photo, Spanish soprano Montserrat Caballe, with Swiss moderator Kurt Aeschbacher welcomes the public on the occasion of the celebration of her 50th stage anniversary in Basel, Switzerland.

Carreras praised her "versatility," saying "she could do everything from the purest bel canto all the way to Wagner's 'Tristan und Isolde.'"

Barcelona's Liceo opera house, where Caballe performed over 200 times, and Venice's Teatro La Fenice also published tweets lamenting her loss. Madrid's Teatro Real said it would dedicate Saturday's performance of "Faust" to the memory of Caballe, lauding the "singular beauty of

her voice" and her prodigious technique.

London's Royal Opera company said it was "saddened to hear" of Caballe's death and that she "sang with us on a number of occasions between 1972 and 1992 and inspired millions over the course of her career with her stunning voice."

Born into a working class family in Barcelona, Caballe unveiled her musical talents early on, singing Bach cantatas at the age of 7.

In her almost unlimited repertoire, she starred in 90 opera roles with nearly 4,000 stage performances. Opera singer Maria Callas is once said to have answered "Only Caballe ..." when asked once who she considered a worthy successor. At 8, Caballe entered the Liceo's Conservatory in Barcelona with Eugenia Kenny, Conchita Badea, and Napoleone Annovazzi among her first teachers. She won the school's Gold Medal

on graduating in 1954. She went on to study opera in Milan and in 1956 joined the Basel Opera and played her first major role that year in the city's Staatstheater as Mimi in Puccini's "La Boheme." Four years later, she was a principal singer with the Bremen Opera.

In 1964, Caballe gave a highly praised performance of Jules Massenet's "Manon" in Mexico City, but it was a year later in New York that a lucky break launched her on the road to international stardom.

On short notice, Caballe stood in for indisposed American soprano Marilyn Horne in a concert performance in Donizetti's "Lucrezia Borgia" at New York's Carnegie Hall and achieved a thunderous success. It opened the doors to all the major opera venues around the world.

She produced a highly-acclaimed performance as Elisabetta of Valois in an all-star cast of Verdi's "Don Carlo" at the Arena di Verona in 1969. The concert became famous for her "la" on the final "ah" at the very end of the opera, which lasted for more than 20 bars up, driving the audience wild with delight.

Caballe was also a noted recitalist, particularly of songs of her native Spain. She was particularly admired for her purity of voice, vocal shadings and exquisite pianissimos. □

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Novel by Hank Green is out of this world

By LINCÉE RAY

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"An Absolutely Remarkable Thing" (Dutton), by Hank Green

What if a huge, stagnant robot appeared out of nowhere on the streets of New York City? And what if you were the key to solving the mystery of what it wants? Hank Green takes readers on a sci-fi adventure, tackling issues such as social media obsession and global humanity in his novel, "An Absolutely Remarkable Thing."

April May pays her dues

working at a Manhattan-based startup by logging in a ton of hours. So it's no surprise why she stumbles into a 10-foot-tall Transformer-style robot on the sidewalk at three o'clock in the morning. What is surprising is the robot seems to have materialized out of thin air. Baffled by the presumable piece of art before her, April calls her best friend Andy to come and see the robot. Andy videotapes April with the structure, whom she affectionately names Carl, and uploads the project. The next day,

both are dumbfounded to learn that the video went viral. They are overnight sensations, and when the world discovers that other cities have their own "Carls," April is thrust into the spotlight as an expert.

Of course, every coin has a flip side. While some find the Carls intriguing and mysterious, eager to solve why they are here, others consider them a threat. April finds herself in a media whirlwind defending the robots, the possibility of aliens, humanity and her personal life. She begins to

crack under the pressure of social media, fear and uncertainty.

The only thing that anchors her to the real world is a tight group of trusted friends and a unique challenge presented to her by Carl.

"An Absolutely Remarkable Thing" is a thrilling journey that takes a hard look at the power of fame and our willingness to separate a person from the brand. Green manages to blend humor, mystery and science fiction in his fast-paced debut novel. □



This cover image released by Dutton shows "An Absolutely Remarkable Thing," a novel by Hank Green.

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#MeToo movement sends Hollywood figures into exile, not jail

By **ANDREW DALTON**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The #MeToo movement has sent dozens of once-powerful Hollywood players into exile, but few of them have been placed in handcuffs or jail cells. And it's increasingly apparent that the lack of criminal charges may remain the norm.

Harvey Weinstein has been charged with sexual assault in New York, and Bill Cosby was sent to prison in Pennsylvania in the year since stories on Weinstein in The New York Times and The New Yorker set off waves of revelations of sexual misconduct in Hollywood. But those two central figures are exceptions.

A task force launched last November by Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey to handle the surge in allegations against entertainment figures has taken up criminal cases involving nearly two dozen entertainment-industry figures. None has been charged.

The lack of prosecutions stems from a clash between the #MeToo ethos, which encourages victims to come forward years or even decades after abuse and harassment that they've kept private, and a legal system that demands fast reporting of crimes and hard evidence.

The task force has considered charges against 22 suspects, including Weinstein, Kevin Spacey, director James Toback and former CBS CEO Leslie Moonves, all of whom have denied engaging in any sex that was not consensual.

Charges have already been rejected for most. Cases involving six suspects, including Weinstein and Spacey, both of whom have multiple accusers, remain open.

In 14 of the closed cases, charges were declined because the allegations were reported too late and thus outside the statute of limitations. The rest were turned down either for insufficient evidence or because the accuser refused to cooperate with investigators after



In this Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 photo, Melissa Schuman poses for a photo in Los Angeles.

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initially reporting the incidents.

While disappointed in the lack of results, several accusers said they were still glad they talked to police and prosecutors, for a variety of reasons both practical and emotional.

"For me it was not necessarily closure, but one of the healthiest things I've ever done for myself," said Melissa Schuman, whose case dating to 2003 against Nick

Carter of the Backstreet Boys was rejected over the statute of limitations. "It felt therapeutic to tell the authorities, to be able to take it out of my body and out of my mind and report it."

Fatima Goss Graves, president of the National Women's Law Center, which oversees the Time's Up legal defense fund, said for some "the act of reporting, putting it on the record is critical, even if they're be-

yond the limitations."

When law enforcement agencies welcome women to report their experiences, it can eventually result in more prosecutions, she said.

"In too many cases law enforcement has sent a signal that they won't treat these issues," Goss Graves said. "If you've created a climate and space that is friendly to people coming forward, more people will come forward."

Schuman said she found just such a climate. She was well treated by task force investigators and the police in what could have been a much tougher process.

"I really felt supported, and listened to, and cared-for and believed," Schuman said.

Carter has denied the allegations from the start. He said through his lawyer when charges were declined that he felt confident there would be no basis for charges and was happy to put the matter behind him. A representative did not respond to a request Friday for further comment.

There can be more tangible benefits to reporting. In California, simply filing a police report entitles victims to benefits that can include free psychotherapy. The reports also create additional claims that can

help in newer investigations or be brought into court to show a pattern of conduct, as they were for Cosby's trial.

"It just gives me peace to have it documented and filed," Schuman said, "and if my abuser does it again, the authorities told me they could use me to help corroborate."

The sexual assault case that sent Cosby to prison was from 2004 and long predated the #MeToo movement. It was filed just as the statute of limitations was expiring.

California requires that charges be brought within a year for many sexual crimes and within 10 years for many of the most serious crimes, including rape and felony sexual assault.

The task force has been looking at allegations of incidents that are sometimes decades old. One rejected case against Spacey dates to 1992. The allegations against Moonves date to the late 1980s. One case for Toback dates to 1978.

In documents released by the task force explaining why charges were not brought, some officials simply declare the effort pointless and say little else. In other cases, prosecutors provide long and sometimes detailed descriptions of acts and the laws they may have violated, only to reluctantly conclude that too much time has passed. Page after page of the documents end with the same phrase, "prosecution is declined."

Aside from confirming which cases it is considering and has declined, the district attorney's office declined comment for this story. California has already altered its laws to help victims, eliminating the statute of limitations for rape and other forms of felony sex abuse. But courts have ruled that statutes of limitations cannot be altered to include suspects who are already past them, so the new laws only apply to crimes from 2017 onward, meaning the practical effects likely won't be felt for years. □



Mary Schartman chants during the #MeToo into the Streets" protest on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018, in Cincinnati.

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